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Minutes of Meeting of January 26, 1983

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Robert Beach.

Present were:

Robert Beach	Ray King
Lawrence A. Wilson	Harry Aleo
Po Wong	Irene Zable
Ben Ramos	

Mary Sutro arrived at 10:20 and John Trasvina at 10:25.

Absent were Pat Mitchell, Leonel Monterrey, and Jay Patterson.

Also present were:
Michelle Corwin, Deputy Registrar
Thomas J. Owen, Deputy City Attorney
Citizens Anna Guth and Betty Crawford

II. The minutes of the November meeting (there having been no December meeting), had never been typed, and, as the copies of the handwritten minutes were not legible, approval was delayed until the February meeting.

III. Chairman's Report

Mr. Beach introduced Mr. Burk Delventhal of the City Attorney's Office who introduced Thomas J. Owen, who will be replacing Connie Rutherford as ex-officio member of the Committee from the City Attorney's Office.

Mr. Beach distributed certificates of appointment to those present for whom certificates were available.

He reported that he had not been able to meet with the Mayor, but instead had met with Jim Gonzalez of the Mayor's staff, who was to attend this meeting but was not yet present. Mr. Beach reported that Mr. Gonzalez had told him that Jay Patterson had replied to his (Gonzalez') inquiry from the Mayor as to whether or not the Registrar would fund a staff person for the Committee from his budget by stating "No," on the grounds that, in his (Patterson's) opinion, the Committee had no need for secretarial or other assistance.

Mr. Beach also had spoken to Board of Supervisors President Nelder concerning what she felt the Board expected from the

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Committee, and her aide, Alberta Jackson, was to have attended the meeting.

The Chair also has scheduled a meeting with Dennis Bowie of the CAO's office to discuss our function with him.

The letter which the Chair had considered sending to Guy Wright was not sent, as it was no longer timely. Mr. Aleo pointed out that it was also inaccurate, an opinion shared to a certain extent by Ms. Zable. The Chair declined to discuss this further.

Two letters had been received from District Attorney Arlo Smith in response to our inquiries:

Under date of January 14, 1983, Peter Aviles advised the committee that Scott Bishop, whom they could not locate, and David Scott, who had been sent a certified notice that he should file his reports, had not complied with the campaign disclosure statement filing requirements. What criminal action to take, if any, against Mr. Scott was being considered. The letter noted that the DA's opinion was that the responsibility for civil enforcement lay with the City Attorney and that we should contact him in that regard.

Mr. Wilson's motion that the City Attorney be asked if he believed that his was the responsibility for civil enforcement of the campaign filing requirements and if so would he undertake to enforce the civil penalties, was adopted. The Chair was instructed to write a letter making this inquiry.

Under date of January 17, 1983, Peter Aviles informed the committee that they had been unable to locate one of those persons suspected of submitting fradulent voter affidavits. The other, Richard Burke, pled guilty to perjury, a felony, and had been sentenced to 15 days county jail, 50 hours of community service, and three years probation.

Supervisor Kopp sent the committee a copy of his letter to the City Attorney requesting that amendments be drafted to the Administrative Code which would permit information on English language classes to be inserted in the voter information pamphlet.

In response to the offer of Ms Corwin to obtain for the committee staff assistance on an on going basis, Mr. Beach said that such a person should have secretarial abilities; the capability to obtain materials needed by the committee; be administratively responsible to the Registrar but working for and responsible to the Committee.

Mr. Wilson expressed concern at the lack of a clear agreement

between the committee and the Registrar regarding the level of staff assistance to be provided to the Committee. Mr. Beach stated that he would see to it that such a written agreement was prepared.

Mr. Ramos suggested (and the Chair agreed to do so) that the Registrar be invited to the next meeting regarding the question of his relationship to the CACE.

At this time, 10:14, Jim Gonzalez arrived. He stated that the Chair had done a good job of informing his of what the Committee was doing, and that he believed that the research and investigative needs of the Committee could be filled by calling upon legislative staff personnel. Gonzalez asserted the Mayor's, schedule had "been a bear," consequently scheduling meetings with her had been difficult.

IV. Registrar's Report

In the absence of the Registrar, Michelle Corwin gave the report:

*Lee Dolson had dropped his recount suit
*the vote on the recall of the Mayor is set for April 26
*bids on the computer will open on February 1, with the goal of having the contract in place by March 1; it is anticipated that the computer will be in place and functioning 120 days thereafter
*the Registrar's office is revising its staffing pattern to reflect actual needs and work load.

Ms Zable reported that Ms Corwin had addressed the League of Women Voters and made a very good impression.

Chair Beach suggested that the wording on the "purge card" which directed that the card be returned to the mail carrier if the addressee was not resident at the place of delivery, be printed in bold face type to emphasize it. Ms Corwin said that that would be done when new cards are ordered.

V. Nominating Committee Report

Mary Sutro reported that the committee had conferred by telephone and nominated Robert Beach for Chair, Ray King for Vice-Chair, John Trasvina for Secretary and Ben Ramos for Treasurer. Mr. Trasvina, to the regret of all, declined nomination and was replaced by Mr. Wilson.

It was moved and adopted that all of the nominees be elected.

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VI The Multi-Lingual Outreach Committee Report

John Trasvina, in response to an earlier comment by the Chair, pointed out that his notes reflected that the motion regarding English language class notices was to "inform" persons about, not "urge" them to take, English classes. The Committee had unanimously agreed, in a vote taken at the time of Mr. beach's earlier remarks on the Guy Wright letter, that the language should be "urge."

Mr. Trasvina reported that his subcommittee had met at the Chinese Newcomers Center on January 19 and that representatives of both the Chinese and Latino communities had addressed the committee. There was no support for placing the notices in the voters handbook, except from Mr. Aleo who felt that if even only one person was aided, it was a good idea.

The subcommittee made three recommendations which the chair requested they present as written motions for consideration at the February meeting:

1. The Administrative Code should be amended to permit the inclusion of English language class notices in the voters handbook in this fashion:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES.
Your Community College District Centers offer classes in English language training. For more information call:
CCD 239-3000
Alemany
Chinatown
Mission
etc.

2. The CACE requests that surplus City funds be allocated to the Community Colleges for English language training and that CACE urge the Community College District to make English classes a top priority.

3. The CACE request that a notice be placed in the voters handbook entitled "Voting Rights of Language Minorities."
Mr. Gonzalez, in response to Mr. Beach, said that he would provide a list of English classes from the Mayor's office to the subcommittee.

Mr. Trasvina noted that he had spoken to members of the Latino community other than those who had attended the meeting, e. g. Chuck Ayala, Latino Democratic Club.

Irene Zable noted that there were sources of English classes

other than the Community College District; Ben Ramos said that the notice should reflect various sources of classes. Harry Aleo, reiterating that his proposal had been simply to inform voters of the availability of English classes, said that he would provide a list to the subcommittee of locations offering free classes.

Jim Gonzalez said that it was unlikely that City funds would go to the Community College District for language training.

Ms Corwin said that the deadline for the special election ballot is too close to permit the inclusion of the notice in this handbook.

VI. Registrar of Voters Subcommittee Report

The Committee adopted the subcommittee's recommendation that a public hearing be held on the subject of improvements to, and revamping of, the voter information pamphlet, specifically concerning five areas:

Content of candidate's statement of qualifications
Designation of ballot argument signators
Ballot arguments being germaine
Requirement that ballot arguments be purchased
Printing full text of propositions in pamphlet

(See the full committee report (attached) for further explanation of these points.)

The subcommittee recommended that legislation should be drafted which would require that candidates run for city offices (the only offices which a City ordinance could affect) under their legal names, allowing the use of a middle name or nickname as well. The full Committee resolved to send this as a recommendation for legislation to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

The Committee also adopted the recommendation of the subcommittee that the Registrar of Voters be requested to include in the voter handbook a "complaint form" for referring to the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Elections complaints and comments about polling places and/or personnel.

Mr. King moved that the Registrar and Ms Corwin be commended for the new manner in which challenged ballots are handled and the procedure which informs those ineligible to vote of the reason for that determination. There was some feeling that a commendatory statement was not warranted and the motion carried five in favor, Sutro, Zable, Aleo, King and Wilson, and four

opposed, Beach, Ramos, Trasvina and Wong.

Mr. Beach expressed his concern about the quality of the proof reading of the handbook, and Ms Corwin said that the Registrar was planning to hire professional proof readers.

(Mr. Trasvina left at 11:40.)

VII. Mr. King, in the absence of Leonel Monterrey, gave (as best he could recall) the report of the joint meeting of the Election Law and Registrar of Voters subcommittees, which made two recommendations:

1. Deputy Registrars who submit a large number of affidavits should be coded into the new computer so that frequent irregularities will be identified.

2. Because the widespread use of cards rather than books of affidavits has diminished the control over Deputy Registrars, the Registrar of Voters should hold classes, both in City Hall and on location as requested and that Deputy Registrars should formally take an oath of office.

Formal action on these subjects was deferred to the next meeting when Mr. Monterrey was expected to be present.

Chairman Beach referred to the Election Laws subcommittee, to present a report and copy of the bill at the February meeting, the suggestion that the Committee endorse AB 171, which would amend the Election Code to expand state-wide the Alameda County pilot program regarding purging rolls by requiring that those not voting in a general election be sent a forwardable postcard with a pre-paid return card which must be returned to remain on the rolls.

Mr. Beach also asked that that subcommittee prepare a response to the District Attorney's letter regarding Mr. Burton and send it to the Chairman as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at Noon

Respectfully submitted,

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Lawrence A. Wilson
Secretary

City and County of San Francisco

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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February 17, 1983

George Agnost
City Attorney
Room 206, City Hall
San Francisco, CA 94102

Att: Mr. Burk Delventhal

RE: Responsibility for Civil Enforcement of Campaign Disclosure Filing Laws

Dear Mr. Agnost:

By letter of October 27, 1982, a copy of which is attached for your information, the Citizen's Advisory Committee on Elections requested that the District Attorney initiate a civil action to enforce the filing requirements of the Campaign Disclosure laws contained in Government Code Sections 81000 - 91014 and in Sections 16.501 - 16.519 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

By letter of January 14, 1983, a copy of which is attached, the District Attorney responded, saying, among other things, that the enforcement authority for the civil penalties provided in the statutes and ordinances is the City Attorney, per Section 16.503(f) of the Administrative Code.

Would you please examine Government Code Section 91001(b), San Francisco Administrative Code Section 16.503(f), and what ever other statutory authority you believe to be relevant and determine if the City Attorney is the authority charged with the responsibility for enforcing compliance and securing the civil penalties provided by law.

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Your written response to our inquiry prior to our meeting of February 23 would be greatly appreciated.

If you determine that your office is the appropriate one to enforce the law, please do so forthwith. Our files on this matter will be made available to you.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Beach

Robert S. Beach
Chairman

P.S. Despite Mr. Aviles averment that Mr. Bishop could not be located, he is listed in the San Francisco telephone book at his current address.

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Dianne Feinstein, Mayor
Hon. Wendy Nelder, President, Board of Supervisors
Hon. Roger Boas, Chief Administrative Officer
Hon. Arlo Smith, District Attorney
Jay Patterson, Registrar of Voters

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I. Call to Order 9:45 a.m.

Members present:		Members absent:
Beach	King	Mitchell
Aleo	Zable	Sutro
Wong	Ramos	Trasvina
Wilson	Monterrey	

Also present were Registrar of Voters Jay Patterson and Deputy City Attorney Tom Owen

II. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of August 31 were approved with two changes:

To VII should be added a paragraph "D" to read:
"Deputy Registrar Corwin reported that there was no power generator available to ensure continued operation of the computer in case of total power failure."

In the last paragraph of VII, the word "informed" should be changed to "requested."

Minutes for the meetings of March 30, April 27, May 11, and June 6 and 29 were distributed and will be on the agenda for approval at the October meeting.

III. Chairman's Report

Chairman Bob Beach reported that he had spoken to Pat Mitchell and Mary Sutro regarding their attendance at meetings. Both said that they would consider resigning; Ms Mitchell because she has a baby which makes attendance difficult and Ms Sutro due to poor health. The Chair has asked that these members consider their options, make a decision, and inform him.

IV. Registrar's Report

A letter has been sent to the City Attorney regarding who has the authority to conduct/manage elections. Mr. Owen reported that he had received the letter and was working on the needed reply.

Mr. Beach asked the Registrar to direct Deputy Registrar Michelle Corwin to inform the members of the committee, in writing, who has been designated as the staff person to respond to calls and requests for information.

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The Registrar then gave breakdown of the cost of printing the ballot handbook:

*there is a total of 96 pages; 360,000 copies will be printed
*there are 12 pages of ballot proposition text, for which printing and postage cost about $1,000 per page
*there are 16 pages of analysis of the propositions, 49 pages of arguments, 5 pages of candidates' statements and 14 pages of other material

Mr. Beach and Harry Aleo asked the Registrar to provide a breakdown of the cost of translating the handbook and printing the translated copies and the bilingual ballots. Mr. Patterson declined to do so. Messers Aleo and Beach suggested that he should be ordered to do so by Mr. Boas. Mr. Beach said that he would ask Mr. Boas to direct Mr. Patterson to release the information.

Po Wong pointed out that the merits of the bilingual ballot cannot be measured by cost alone; Law Wilson agreed.

Leonel Monterrey moved that the Chair admonish members of the Committee not to represent themselves in public forums as speaking for the Committee. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Patterson also reported:

*he is also acting as the Recorder, which occupies about 30% of his time
*the computer system is installed and working fine
*there are enough bi-lingual poll workers for the November election
*all poll workers are required to attend class and the attendance rate is about 80%; the final notices of appointment had not been sent yet
*the signatures on the initiative to reduce the number of members of the Board of Supervisors were being counted; there was some question whether, if it qualified, it would go on the June ballot or an earlier special election

Irene Zable asked about the language in the announcement in the handbook concerning English classes. Mr. Wilson pointed out that the Committee had never agreed on the exact language for the announcement. Mr. Beach said that Ms Corwin had consulted him prior to its being printed.

Ray King then make a motion, which was first adopted and then rescinded on the motion of Ms Zable, to table the discussion of the content of the notice. Mr. King then left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

V. Multilingual Compliance Subcommittee Report

The committee then discussed the issue of the content of the notice in the context of the report of the Multilingual Compliance subcommittee, whose committee report of September 20 is attached.

Leonel Monterrey said that, contrary to Ms. Corwin's assertion, the Registrar had submitted an approved state voter outreach plan in 1976; it was very general and the Registrar does more than is required in that plan. There was a discussion of whether the plan must be updated regularly and the amount and method of computing state reinbursement for the cost of the plan. Mr. Beach suggested to the Registrar that John Trasvina's ideas regarding reimbursement should be discussed and considered and that the subcommittee should delineate areas of disagreement between them and the Registrar for the full committee to discuss.

Mr. Patterson then read the full text of the English translation of the Chinese announcement:

> "Persons wishing to learn English as a second language may contact the following locations for information on free classes."

followed by a list of all Community College Centers offering classes.

Mr. Wilson moved, with Mr. Monterrey's second, that the Registrar's language met the direction of the ordinance which required its inclusion. In response to Ms Zable's suggestion that Friends of the Library be listed as a sourse for ESL classes, Mr. Patterson said that they had no bilingual persons to answer the telephone. In response to Mr. Beach's question, the Registrar said that he had contacted all known free classes and included those willing to be listed.

The Board of Supervisors resolution which had directed the inclusion of the notice in the handbook was examined and discussed. The language of the text does not direct the Registrar to include the word "encourage" in the notice.

On the motion, there were five ayes, Wilson, Zable, Monterrey, Wong and Beach, and one no, Aleo. The motion carried. (Ben Ramos had departed at 10:58 a.m. for a doctor's appointment.)

In response to a question from Mr. Monterrey, Mr. Patterson said that there was no deadline set by law for the submission of signatures on initiatives to be placed on the ballot, but that Supervisor Kopp has asked that the City Attorney draft one.

VI. Registrar of Voters Subcommittee Report

In the absence of Mr. King, Mr. Wilson presented two proposals. The first, a charter amendment permitting the Board of Supervisors to direct that only a summary of proposed charter changes be printed was amended by Mr. Monterrey to require that the handbook be mailed 20 days before the election rather than 10.

The proposal as amended was approved and sent to the Board of Supervisors with our recommendation that it be adopted. Ms Zable suggested that the Committee get some publicity for the proposal.

At Mr. Wilson's request, the second proposal was referred back to the subcommittee to be put into final form.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence A. Wilson
Secretary

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27,1984

Call to order by Chairman Wilson at 9:00 AM

Members Present:	Members Absent:
Lawrence Wilson	Dale Carlson (excused)
Leonel Monterey	Patricia Mitchell
Roger Cardenas	Roland Po. S. Wong
Irene Zable	
Harry Aleo	
Martha Gillham	
Kevin Malone	

ex-officio members present:
Jay Patterson
Tom Owen

Minutes of the prior meeting were amended and approved.

Leonel Monterey stated the need of the committee to have an elected secretary and the necessity of an agenda because in his opinion the absence of an agenda conflicts with standard procedure.Furthermore, the meetings of this committee are illegal because they do not conform with the Brown Act requirements for public notification of meetings.

Motion was made, seconded and passed: Leonel Monterey will gather all available information re public notification and shall report back to this committee at the July meeting.

Roger Cardenas stated his objections to the lack of an agenda for this meeting. Harry Aleo agreed with Roger Cardenas.

Jay Patterson presented his report on what went right and what went wrong with the June 6th election:

RIGHT:

San Francisco election results were ahead of everyone else in spite of 3 precincts coming in after eleven o'clock.

Ballot layout for the Democrat Primary was an outstanding success as only 2% of the voters overvoted compared with 8% overvoting in Los Angeles.

WRONG:

Twenty precincts in Sunset Heights and Forest Hill received the wrong votomatic materials. End result of this foul up was seventy votes are presently under key and still uncounted. In Jay Patterson's opinion this problem can be remedied by avoiding delivery routes which deliver mixes of assembly districts and where there must be mixed deliveries,

assign these to the most responsible drivers.
Not all precincts opened on time because there were not enough inspectors. They were seventy inspectors short and an unspecified number short of judges. In a discussion at this point, it was stated that the inspectors are responsible for delivering the ballots to the polling places and the machines are delivered by Registrar personnel via trucks.

Lawrence Wilson suggested that Martha Gillham would pursue the prospect of recruiting polling personnel from the communities of retired persons.

Kevin Malone stated that six candidates on the June ballot worked as precinct workers and requested a legal opinion regarding this situation. It was agreed that Chairman Wilson would send a letter to the City Attorney asking if there is any law addressing this issue.

Terence Faulkner presented to the committee a piece of campaign literature which he felt was illegal. The matter was referred to the election law compliance committee.

Roger Cardenas wanted to know why the morning after the election the Registrar's office did not have anyone authorized to answer questions of candidates or the media.

Irene Zable moved that a meeting of the Registrar's Committee be held with the Registrar to determine what is appropriate for day after the election policy. Also, we need to know the responsibilities of the polling workers and delivery people, why election materials are not marked with precinct numbers,why telephone communication between the polls and the Registrar's office is not better and how many precinct tallies are correct. A Motion was seconded and passed.

Lawrence Wilson discussed the letter sent to the Bank of America public affairs regarding funding for a the registration drive.

Jay Patterson announced that March Fong Eu has formulated a voter registration program using the media. Leonel Monterey was requested to get more information regarding Eu's program.

Irene Zable asked for a letter to be sent to Supervisor Nelder inquiring as to what happened to this committee's proposal regarding legal language in the voter handbook.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gillham, **Acting** Secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 28, 1985

I. Call to order 9:20 A.M.

Members present:
L. Wilson, I. Zable, K. Malone, L. Scimens, S. Wong, M. Gillham, J. Patterson, T. Owen

Members absent:
L. Monterey, R. Cardenas, P. Wong (exc.), D. Carlson (exc.)

II. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Registrar's Report:

1. At the request of March Fong Eu's office, the Registrar will conduct a survey to determine the need of multilingual state ballot. The survey questions will be constructed by the Registrar's Office and the cost of the survey paid by local funds. The cost of multilingual ballot material begins at $20,000. Voter registration forms in Spanish and Chinese will be available. Several issues were raised:- What figures determine the need for multilingual ballots? How much evidence do we now have to determine need?

2. New Chief Deputy Registrar Ross Travis was introduced. He described to the committee Alameda County's failed attempt to purge their voter rolls.

3. Announced there would bee only seven propositions on the November ballot. Ballot simplification process was complete and the poll staffing was started.

IV. Chairman's Report:

1. Chair Wilson announced he would be meeting with public agency voter registration representative and committee members were invited to attend the meeting.

V. Committee Reports:

1. M. Gillham reported that there appears to be only two candidates from 1979 who are delinquent in filing financial campaign statements.

VI. New Business:

1. A newspaper article appeared noting the efforts of a Lowell High School student who conducted a voter registration drive on campus.

2. M. Gillham commented on the lobbying which occurred to remove from the ballot the issue of commissioners and conflict of interests. Tom Owen stated that this was an inappropriate topic for this committee to discuss.

3. Future meetings were announced: 25 Sept.,30 Oct., 27 Nov., 18 Dec., to be held at the Lurie Room in the Library

Adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Gillham, Secretary pro-tem

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I. Call to Order 10:05 a.m.

Members present:

Law Wilson, Chair	Roland Po Wong
Roger Cardenas	Samson Wong
Dale Carlson	Irene Zable
Martha Gillham	Tom Owen, ex officio
Larry Griffin	Jay Patterson, ex officio
Kevin Malone	
Lisa Scimens	Leonel Monterey, excused

II. The minutes of the September 25th meeting were amended and approved.

III. Chairman's Report

In a memo dated October 17th, the Secretary of State announced a change in policy regarding the printing of bi-lingual voting materials and registration cards. The new policy will require the Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution requesting her office to continue providin bilingual forms to San Francisco. Revised registration

forms will not include the language preference question.

Mr. Wilson sent a letter to the Secretary expressing concern for the new policy, urging retention of the language preference question on forms provided to the San Francisco Registrar, and requesting a meeting with the Secretary where the Committee can directly express it concerns to her.

Mr. P. Wong indicated the Board had previously passed a resolution similar to that requested by the Secretary. Ms. Gillham asked whether such a resolution conflicte with Proposition O. Mr. Owen could not recall the precise wording of that ballot measure. However, as the Registrar's authority lies in state law, a local initiative would not be binding on his efforts to obtain bilingual materials for an outreach program to minority communities.

Mr. Wilson asked the City Attorney to review Prop O in regards to the issue of bilingual registration forms, and asked Mr. Wong to obtain a copy of the Board's resolution.

Mr. Wilson asked for the Committee's support in principle for an effort sponsored by the Human Serve Campaign for social service employees to register voters. A motion to that effect was offered by Mr. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Malone, and adopted unanimously. An implementation plan for the program will be available next month.

Mr. Wilson shared a letter from the Mayor apologizing to the Committee for not notifying it of Mr. Patterson's award for meritorious service.

(At this time, Mr. Wilson was excused to attend a meeting in the Mayor's office, and Mr. Carlson assumed the Chair.)

Mr. Patterson indicated that the Census Bureau had determined San Francisco no longer was bound by the bilingual provisions of the Voting Rights Act. He would be ordering new voter registration forms next month, and estimated the cost of including a language preference question at $50.

Mr. Cardenas, in the interest of expediency, moved that the Committee seek a resolution from the Board requesting the Secretary of State to continue providing the City bilingual registration forms. The motion was seconded by Mr. P. Wong and approved (Gillham and Zable dissenting). For the record, Ms. Gillham expressed her belief that the vote on Proposition O should be respected.

IV. Registrar's Report

Over 30,000 absentee ballots have been mailed out, three times more than for the November 1981 election. Though the recruitment of pollworkers is somewhat behind schedule, the Registrar is not concerned about being short-handed on election day. He is expecting a 25-30%

turnout of roughly 100,000 voters.

Though he has written authorization for each endorser listed in the Voter Handbook, Mr. Patterson said he had received many calls from commissioners complaining that they had not approved the use of their name on ballot arguments. He assumed these individuals had signed a "blank check" endorsing an issue not realizing it would be used in a specific fashion.

V. New Business

Mr. Cardenas moved that the Committee cancel its December meeting because of the holidays and authorize Mr. Wilson to appoint a nominating committee. Mr. S. Wong Seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

VI. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale A. Carlson
Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

MINUTES. of Tues., Dec. 17, 1985

Place of Meeting: Main Library, Commissioners' Room.
San Francisco, Ca.

1) Chairman Law Wilson called the Meeting to Order at 10:05 A.M.

2) Commissioners Present: Mr. R. Cardenas, Ms. M. Gillham, Mr. L. Griffin, Mr. K. Malone, Mr. L. Monterey, Ms. L. Scimens, Mr. L. Wilson, Mr. S. Wong, Ms. I. Zable.

Absent: Mr. D. Carlson, Mr. P. Wong, Mr. T. Owen, Mr. J. Patterson.

Guests: Mr. Dan Kalb and Mr. David Pacheco.

3) Chairman Law Wilson appointed Mr. Monterey to take the Minutes.

4) Malone/Cardenas M/S/C Moved to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: R. Cardenas, M. Gillham, L. Griffin, K. Malone, L. Scimens, L. Wilson.

Noes: L. Monterey, I. Zable.

Absent: D. Carlson, P. Wong, S. Wong.

5) Chairman Wilson informed the Committee that he will be meeting with Mr. Hadley Roff, Deputy Mayor, today at 11:45 A.M. to discuss "Involving Public Employees in Voter Registration" (see Mr. Wilson's letter to Mayor Dianne Feinstein dated December 14, 1985).

6) Registrar of Voters Subcommittee Report:

The Subcommittee gave a summary of their findings in monitoring the last November 1985 Election. The Election was one of the smoothest and best run Election in the City. Mr. Patterson should be commended. A written report will be presented to the Committee at a later time.

Mr. Cardenas excused at 10:45 A.M.

7) Zable/Griffin MSC That the Chair appoints a Nominations Committee and that the Committee Election be held in January.

Unanimously approved.

Chairman Wilson appointed I. Zable, P. Wong and L. Wilson as Members of the Nominations Committee.

8) The Committee received a letter from the Library regarding meeting space. Chairman Wilson reserved the room for the next 6 months.

9) Mr. Kalb, from California Common Cause distributed a letter to the Committee and was invited to come back and address the Committee.

10) Meeting adjourned at 11:01 A.M.

SUBMITTED BY
LEONEL MONTEREY

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Present:	Carlson, Chair		
	Gillham	Wong, R.	
	Monterey	Young	
	Wong, S.	Patterson	
Absent:	Scimens (excused)	Cardenas	Griffin
	Wilson (excused)	Chung	

1. Meeting called to order at 3:49 p.m.
2. The minutes of the meeting of January 16, 1987, were approved.
3. 1986 Annual Report. Copies of the draft report were distributed and discussed. MSP unanimously to approve the report with suggested amendments.
4. November 1986 General Election Report. Copies of the draft report were distibuted and discussed. MSP unanimously to approve the report with suggested amendments.
5. Election of officers. The nominating committee has nominated the following persons: Chair, Dale Carlson; Vice-Chair, Lisa Scimens; Secretary, Richmond Young. MSP to close nominations. MSP to elect the nominees by acclamation.
6. Registrar's Report. Mr. Patterson discussed the impending special election in the Fifth Congressional District. As of the time of the meeting, 12 candidates had filed; 6 Democrats, 4 Republicans, 1 Peace & Freedom, and 1 Libertarian. The election will cost about $400,000, and a 35 percent voter turnout is expected. The Registrar has sent letters to about 7,000 retired City employees to recruit poll workers.
7. The next meeting will be held Friday, March 27, 1987.
8. Meeting adjourned 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted (with thanks to Martha Gillham for her gracious assistance):

Richmond Young, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
April 5, 1989
Meeting Location: Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:00 P.M.

Minutes

Roll Call:
Members present: David Binder, Joseph Chung, Martha Gillham, Ernest Llorente, Leonel Monterey, Richard Sevilla, Samson Wong, Molly Wood, Richmond Young, Hoyt Zia
Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Acting Registrar

Members absent: Roger Cardenas
Deputy City Attorney

Meeting called to order 5:05 P.M. by Chairman Llorente

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente presented the agenda to the committee for approval. Motion made by Hoyt Zia to accept the agenda. Motion was seconded, and unanimously approved. Chairman Llorente reminded the members that the agenda, the standing Rules of Order, Minutes of the March meeting and background material had been sent to all the members prior to this meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and after two corrections, motion made by Zia, seconded by Wood to accept, the committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente asked for approval of or any changes to the Rules of Order. The committee discussed Rule 7 pertaining to attendance and Rule 8 pertaining to a quorum. Motion made by Zia to delete the word **amended** from Rule 7, and to accept for this meeting the Rules of Order. It was agreed that, after public notification, the Rules would be reconsidered at the May meeting. Mr. Monterey noted that a Deputy City Attorney should be present at these meetings. He,also, stated that the Office of Treasurer is obsolete for this committee as there is no treasury.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wong stated that, at the request of the Mayor, two budgets were submitted to his office. One budget to reflect a 5% reduction in costs, and the other budget to reflect a 10% reduction in costs. The Mayor's budget analyst will recommend the 95% budget for the Mayor's approval. After the Mayor's approval the budget will be sent to the Board's budget analyst, and then to the Board's Finance Committee, and then to the entire Board. Anyone can write to the Mayor to comment on the budget.

If the Governor calls a special election in November, the Registrar's Office will have to request a supplemental appropriation which would be eventually reimbursed by the State.

Purging process is underway. Cards will be sent to all registered voters and those people who do not wish to remain on the rolls, will return the cards to the Registrar's office. This procedure is mandated by State law. Public Health department sends death notices to the Registrar enabling the Registrar to remove the names of deceased persons from the rolls.

Any person can register to vote as long as he or she has a mailing address. Two lists are maintained. One list of voters' mailing addresses and the other list of voters' residential addresses. It is suspected that there are persons registered to vote who use business addresses but do not live in San Francisco. An attempt will be made to purge these illegally registered voters from the rolls.

Samson Wong asked if the cards sent out to all registered voters were tri-lingual. Registrar Wong said they were not.

The plan to consolidate some of the precincts in the Sunset district may not occur because of a proposed State policy.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente asked the committee how they wanted to proceed on the matters of developing goals and objectives for this year and the formation of sub-committees.

Mr. Sevilla moved that sub-committees be formed first and then the sub-committees would develop their own goals and objectives. Motion seconded, and approved. Four sub-committees were formed, based on the reorganization of the Registrar's office.

1. Administrative Services
   Llorente, Monterey
2. Voter and Campaign Services
   Young, Gillham, Wong and Wood
3. Voter Roll, Absentee Voting and Computer Service
   Zia
4. Precinct Services
   Sevilla, Wood and Binder

After a long discussion, it was agreed: Chairman Llorente would complete the formation of the sub-committees, and that the sub-committees would hold meetings at this Committee's May meeting. At this time goals, objectives and time frames would be decided by the sub-committees. At the June Meeting, action would be taken on goals and objectives. The Chairman asked members to start generating ideas for the sub-committees.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 3 at 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.
Adjourned: 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha M. Gillham
Martha M. Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS [MINUTES]

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June 13, 1990
Meeting Location: Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call:
Members present: Samson Wong, Ernest Llorente, David Binder, Martha Gillham, Richmond Young, George Mix, Jr., Brian Mavrogeorge, Richard Sevilla
Ex-officio: Registrar Germaine Wong

Members absent: Molly Wood, Excused
Roger Cardenas, Excused
Deputy City Attorney Randy Riddle

Meeting called to order at 5:45 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously adopted.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente provided members with copies of the completed Annual Report, the Grand Jury Report on the Registrar's Office, and the Alioto legislation regarding absentee balloting.

Annual Report: Now complete and copies will be sent to the Mayor and the Supervisor and the CAO.

Grand Jury Report: Chairman Llorente requested the members to review the report and bring to the next meeting of this committee their comments and opinions.

Alioto Legislation: This proposal was heard at the May 8th Administrative and Oversight Committee meeting. Chairman Llorente did not receive notice of the meeting prior to the meeting, nor did he receive any requested information from Supervisor Alioto's office. It was decided by this committee that the need for this proposal is not clear at the present time. Martha Gillham will seek additional information from Alioto's office so that the committee may make an informed opinion about the Resolution.

In response to Grand Jury observations about the CACE, the following procedures would be adopted: the committee, instead of the Registrar's Office, would assume responsibility for notifying the public of CACE meetings and for sending CACE minutes of the meeting to the Public Library Document Department. Chairman Llorente, also, provided each member with a copy of the 1989 California Attorney General's Open Meeting Laws.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wong reported that 4 ballots from the June election were sent to the City Attorney's office for review. It is believed that these four people, voted twice, once absentee and again at the precinct. The Committee decided unanimously that Chairman Llorente would be responsible for following this investigation and for any future investigations involving illegal voting practices.

The June turnout was a disappointing 41%. 25% was absentee balloting with 5,000 absentee ballots returned in the precinct ballot boxes. A total of 3,300 write in ballots were cast. Registrar's Office received 6 to 7,000

telephone calls on Election Day. The continuing problems with polling workers was not improved in this election. In July, there will be a debriefing of the Rovers.

Richard Sevilla commented that the current Manager System in the Registrar's Office has improved the Election Day processes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 11, 1990
Registrar's Office
5:30 P.M

Adjourned: 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
July 11, 1990
Meeting Location: Room 249 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Members present: Richard Sevilla, Ernest Llorente, Samson Wong, George Mix, Jr., Brian Mavrogeorge, Richmond Young, David Binder, Martha Gillham
Ex-officio: Registrar Germaine Wong, City Attorney Randy Riddle
Observer: Chris Bowman, Republican party

Members absent: Molly Wood, Roger Cardenas

Meeting called to order at 5: 37 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were amended and approved.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente reported that, although the election has been certified, the District Attorney's office has not yet received from the Registrar the reports of double voting in the June election.

Presented to the committee an estimate for printing business cards for committee members.

Chairman Llorente and Martha Gillham attended the Supervisors' Administrative and Oversight Committee meeting which heard Supervisor Hsieh's measure to change the Voter Handbook.

Supervisor Alioto's office has not yet provided additional information regarding Alioto's absentee balloting resolution.

This committee did not receive notification of the Supervisors' Administrative and Oversight Committee hearing on S.B. 1785 which requires a reduced number of signatures for an initiative to qualify for the ballot. It was decided that the Chair and the Secretary be placed on the Clerk of the Boards mailing list for items that involve the electoral process. Copies of this request to be sent to the Supervisors.

Chairman Llorente reminded all members tha t they have been provided with copies of the Brown Act. City Attorney Riddle stated that this committee is complying with the Act in regard to public notification. Secretary was asked to find out which newspaper(Examiner and The Independent) would publish meeting notices of the CACE.

We still have a vacancy on this committee. Mavrogeorge stated that the committee needed to provide new members with an orientation to the responsibilities described in the Administrative Code.

Young moved, seconded by Gillham that this committee establish an orientation procedure. Unanimously approved.

Registrar's Report: The Registrar's budget for the new year is status quo. The Office will be able to purchase instead of renting a computer ballot counter.

The current Registrar's managers are all temporary status. Civil Service examinations for these positions are slated for January.

Capital improvement money has allowed the vault to be used for all election documents and the basement space to be better used for election day materials. New furniture and carpets are expected.

Filing opens next Monday.

Initiatives are due July 25th.

A Brown Bag Information session was held by the managers for the candidates. About a dozen candidates showed up. There will be another session for campaign managers. A lunch for the June Rovers will be held on Friday when the Rovers will be able to state their observations and recommendations.

New Business: Copies of Supervisor Hsieh's resolution supporting S.B. 1785 were provided to members. Registrar Wong stated her opposition to this state legislation. After a discussion of the measure, Richmond Young said that he believed that this committee should support any measure which increases access to the political process. The committee unanimously voted to endorse the Hsieh resolution. The Chairman will write a letter of support to Supervisor Hsieh.

Richard Sevilla presented a piece of June campaign literature which fails to conform to state law. He will send this to the District Attorney.

Richmond Young said that Chris Bowman's list of election day complaints should be investigated and responded to.

Registrar Wong gave members copies of the recently revised campaign guides for candidates.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 1, 1990
Registrar's Office
5: 30 P.M.

Adjourned: 7: 05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
August 1, 1990
Meeting Location: Registrar's Office
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Members present: Brian Mavrogeorge, Richmond Young, Ernest Llorente, David Binder, Martha Gillham, George Mix, Jr., Samson Wong

Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Registrar

Observers: Mary Olson, Greg Hobson

Members Absent: Richard Sevilla, excused; Molly Wood; Roger Cardenas; Randy Riddle, Deputy City Attorney

Meeting called to order at 5:45 P.M.

Minutes of the last meeting accepted with one correction.

Chairman's Report: Letters have been sent to the Clerk of the Board and to the Grand Jury. The Clerk is being asked to send Board Committee notices to Llorente, Mavrogeorge and Gillham. The Grand Jury is being sent the Committee response to the Grand Jury's recommendations for the Registrar's Office.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wong announced that Mary Olson will be Manager of Precinct Services. This will be a temporary appointment pending the results of the Civil Service Exam.

Two brown bag informational meetings have been held by the office for candidates and campaign managers. An informational meeting is scheduled for people interested in submitting ballot arguments. Llorente suggested to the Registrar that the media should be notified of these events.

Ballot simplification committee has been meeting since Monday. Three initiatives have been submitted and preparation for the ballot cards has begun.

There is a plan to get rid of the grey secrecy envelopes after the November election, and a plan to eliminate the 'poker' from the Absentee ballot kit as a ball point pen works as well as the 'poker'.

The new budget has cut $3,000 earmarked for travel and training from the Registrar's budget. Registrar Wong states that this will mean that her staff will not be able to attend State Registrars' meetings where information from the Secretary of State and legislative information is presented and discussed. Manager Hobson states that these sessions have been valuable to him.

Greg Hobson announced that the FPCC will arrive Tuesday to audit the campaign statements and to make their recommendations. Hobson has concentrated on the current filings and has not had the time or the personnel to evaluate the past filings. Mavrogeorge suggesting getting an intern in the office to assist Hobson. Wong stated that the office already has an intern working on the Voter Handbook.

Old Business: Chairman Llorente suggested that new members of the committee be provided with the Annual Report of Committee in addition to an oral orientation.

Llorente announced that the District Attorney's Office has still not received from t he Registrar's Office a report on the November election charges of double voting. Registrar Wong said that because the number of four charges is insignificant and that in addition in other counties where double voting occurs, it is attributed to elderly, confused people.

New Business: There is pending legislation to include as ex-oficio member on the Ballot Simplification Committee the Registrar of Voters. Registrar Wong has no position on this proposal.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 5, 1990
Registrar's Office
5:30 P.M.

Adjourned: 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
September 5, 1990
Meeting Location: Registrar's Office
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call:
Members present: Samson Wong, Molly Wood, Ernest Llorente, Richmond Young, Brian Mavrogeorge, Martha Gillham
Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Registrar
Members absent: Richard Sevilla, excused; David Binder, excused; Roger Cardenas; George Mix, Jr., excused; Randy Riddle, Deputy City Attorney

Meeting called to order at 5:50 P.M.

Minutes of the last meeting accepted unanimously.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente reported that there so far has been no response from the Grand Jury to his letter to them. Because Llorente and Wong are both involved in political campaigns they will be unable to volunteer their services on election day.

Registrar's Report: Recruiting of polling workers is now underway. Registrar Wong suggested that Richmond Young could volunteer as a poll worker and thus provide her office with much needed first hand experiences as a poll worker. Molly Wood suggested using school children to augment the work of the Rovers. Ocober 9th is the last day for voter registration. 394,000 are presently on the rolls. Five more polling places are needed.

Molly Wood, once again, requested the Registrar to review the recommendation that ballot boxes be delivered to satellite locations instead of delivering the boxes to City Hall. Wood reminded the committee that in the last election she delivered eleven ballot boxes to City Hall from Bayview-Hunter's Point. Wood said that the polling people were very glad to be relieved of their duty of bringing the boxes to City Hall. Gillham stated that recruitment of polling workers might be easier if the workers did not have to make the City Hall delivery. Registrar Wong said polling worker s will be asked how they view the City Hall delivery.

Wood suggested holding polling worker classes in the neighborhoods.

Registrar Wong said that offering discounts for early submission of ballot arguments had been very successful. Mavrogeorge commented that the training session for ballot argument providers, in his opinion, had been very good.

Old Business: FPCC audit of the Registrar's Office is complete. Registrar Wong stated that the FPCC will be recommending in their not yet received report that the Office hire five more people to maintain the records. At this time with the Budget crisis, this recommendation is not a feasible. Mavrogeorge suggested that this committee contact state officials to explore the possibility of State funding for the out of county filing costs. Chairman Llorente and Mavrogeorge will investigate this proposition.

August 13th, the Board of Supervisors passed the Alioto Resolution regarding the state legislation on absentee balloting. Chairman Llorente, despite several requests for information about this legislation, was never provided any information nor was he ever notified of any committee hearing on this issue.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 3, 1990
Room 249 (next to Board Chambers)
5:30 P.M.

Adjourned: 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
October 3, 1990
Meeting Location: Room 249
Time of Meeting: 5: 30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Members present:	Ernest Llorente	Richard Sevilla
	Brian Mavrogeorge	Martha Gillham
	David Binder	
	Molly Wood	
Members absent:	Samson Wong	
	George Mix, excused	
	Roger Cardenas	
	Richmond Young, excused	
	Germaine Wong	
	Randy Riddle	

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Meeting called to order at 5: 50 P.M.

Minutes of the last meeting accepted and approved.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente told the committee that according to Supervisors' file re the Alioto resolution on absentee balloting, this committee was completely ignored prior to the passage, despite the three requests that were made for information. The Chair posed the following questions to the members: Exactly what is this Committee doing?
How is this Committee viewed by the Registrar's Office?
At this point in the proceedings, Molly Wood had to leave the meeting, leaving the Committee without a quorum.

Adjourned: 6: 30 P.M.
Samson Wong joined the meeting after the motion to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 1990
Room 249 (next to the Board Chambers)
5: 30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTION
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Roll Call:
Members present: Ernest Llorente, Samson Wong, Richard Sevilla, David Binder, Brian Mavrogeorge, Martha Gillham, George Mix, Jr.

Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Registrar
Greg Hobson, Registrar's Office
Greg Ridenouer, Registrar's Office
Randy Riddle, City Attorney

Observers: Mark Sandalaw, S.F. Chronicle
Peter Paul, Veritas
Susan Herbert, S.F. Independent

Meeting called to order by Chairman Llorente at 4:50 P.M.

Chairman Llorente announced that the meeting would proceed, although Ms. Anaya or any of her representatives were absent. He called upon Mr. Greg Hobson to tell the committee what he knew of the events involved in Ms. Anaya's charges.

MANAGER GREG HOBSON'S REPORT: Mr. Hobson described to the committee how Ms. Anaya's sponsor list was received by him, processed by him, and placed in his locked cabinet. Anaya's sponsor file was time stamped at 3:58 P.M. August 10th.

Mr. Hobson explained the procedure, mandated by the City Charter, which states the permitted number of candidates a sponsor can endorse in a given race. He further described the procedure used by the Registrar's office when sponsor names must be deleted because of the Charter requirement.

Mr. Hobson produced for the members Ms. Anaya's file of sponsor's names. Members of the committee reviewed these papers.

It was stated that both Mr. Hobson and Registrar Wong had met with Ms. Anaya after she filed her complaints against the Registrar's Office with the Mayor. They both reviewed with Ms. Anaya the procedure used to process Ms. Anaya's sponsor list.

A discussion regarding the severity of Ms. Anaya's charges took place.

Chairman Llorente turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Sevilla at this point, as the Chair had to leave the meeting.

The committee continued to discuss Mr. Hobson's report and it was finally and unanimously agreed:

1. Ms. Anaya's absence from this meeting made it impossible to reach any conclusions, when all the committee had to review was the Registrar's records and reports of Registrar Wong and Manager Hobbs.
2. Ms. Anaya's charges of tampering are very severe, and she should present to the committee her reasons for such charges.
3. When all the information is assembeled and reviewed, the committee should focus on how this process can be improved.

Samson Wong moved that this meeting be continued on the 14th of November when we could hear from Ms. Anaya her views of the situation. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Next meeting to be on November 14 at 5:30 in Room 249 City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
November 14, 1991
Meeting Location: Room 249 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call:
Members present: Brian Mavrogeorge, Roger Cardenas, Martha Gillham, Ernest Llorente, Samson Wong, Richard Sevilla, George Mix, Jr., David Binder, Richmond Young

Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Registrar
Greg Hobson, Registrar's Office
Greg Ridenouer, Registrar's Office
Randy Riddle, City Attorney

Members absent: Molly Wood
Members of the public attending:
Arthur Welch, poll worker
Susan Herbert, S.F. Independent
J. Joseph Anguiano
Rosario Anaya, School Board Candidate
John Barber, Anaya Campaign Coordinator
Karen Pierce, Bayview Hunters Point political worker and candidate
Mr. Lantz, Candidate

Meeting called to order at 5:36 P.M. by Chairman Llorente

Minutes were accepted and approved after one correction.

Old Business: Chairman Llorente introduced Rosaria Anaya to the committee. He explained to her and the committee the information the committee had received from the Registrar's Office regarding Anaya's complaint against the Registrar's Office. He then invited Rosaria Anaya to present her information.

Ms. Rosario Anaya: Apologized to the committee for failing to attend the November 2 special meeting of the CACE called to deal with her charges against the Registrar's Office.

She wanted the committee to know that she has great respect for Mr. Greg Hobson. Nevertheless, she does believe that someone in the Registrar's Office did alter the numbered order of her sponsors.

Ms. Anaya stated that she submitted two stacks of sponsor lists. One stack termed the original and the other stack designated her alternate list of sponsor names. The alternate list, to be used if necessary. The sponsors' names were numbered by Anaya to indicate her desired order of the printing of the names. Ms. Anaya asserts that it can be clearly seen how Mayor Agnos's name order was changed from one to eleven and Chuck Ayala's name order was changed from two to twelve. Furthermore, she doubts that the reason for removing Dianne Feinstein's name from her sponsor list was [redacted] a valid reason.

Ms. Anaya stated that very few people were present in the Registrar's Office at the time she submitted her lists. Ms. Rosa Flores, assistant to Greg Hobson, received the lists which

were then checked by two people.

Mr. Greg Hobson: Mr. Hobson stated that when he returned to the office, he reviewed Ms. Anaya's sponsor list, and then took the list to Mr. David Tom's desk where the list remained until the following day, Saturday. Saturday, Mr. Hobson then reviewed the lists for validity, numbered the sponsors and this revised list went to Mr. Greg Ridenouer. Mr. Ridenouer, xeroxed the list and then transmitted the copies to the typsetter. The lists were returned to Mr. Hobson, who again reviewed the names, made copies of the list and put the list in his locked cabinet.

Ms. Rosario Anaya: Ms. Anaya stated, in response to questions from committee members, that she had failed to come into the Registrar's office to check the galleys from the typsetter.

She definitely submitted two lists of sponsors one, the original list and the other, the alternate list.

Ms. Anaya and her campaign coordinator, Mr. Barber, asked the committee to determine, exactly how Dianne Feinstein's name was eliminated from the sponsor list. This deletion they believe, cost them at least a thousand votes.

Ms. Anaya again expressed her belief that someone, eit her inside or outside the Registrar's Office, altered the numbered order of her sponsor list.

Ms. Anaya left the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Mr. Lantz: Spoke to the committee and maintained that when the galleys are available for the public to review, everything is in "such a Mess" that accurate checking is impossible.

The committee then discussed just how they would proceed to investigate Ms. Anaya's charges. It was decided:

1. Request the Registrar to provide a timeline or flow chart on Ms. Anaya's list.
2. Determine what and how the rational to delete Feinstein's name was reached.

Motion was made and seconded to appoint a sub-committee to do this as soon as possible. Sevilla, Young and Wong will serve on the sub-committee.

Registrar's Report on the November Election: Registrar Wong stated that, although every election seems to have glitches, this election overall ran smoothly. There were 13, 000 phone callls answered on election day, which helped to alleviate a lot of problems. Majority of the calls are people asking the location of their polling places. All, but six, precincts were open by 7 A.M. This election the two problems were with light bulbs in the voting booths and a shortage of ballots in the polling places. The shortage of ballots was remedied by rovers who resupplied those in need. Shortage occurred because they underestimated the number of absentee ballots that would be requested. After this election, 70,000 unused ballots will be thrown away. This number, is much smaller than in previous elections. The voter index is printed three weeks before the election and the voter roster is printed a week and a half before the election. This is why there is a discrepancy in the two lists.

Karen Pierce: Addressed the committee presenting her observations as an election day worker covering the precincts in Bay View Hunters Point neighborhood. Ms. Pierce said that she felt that this election ran a lot better than some of the previous ones. She knew of only one of her polling places which opened late, and when it did open, it did not have an index.

Ms. Pierce is very concerned about the voter rolls which she feels have not been adequately purged in the last six years. She not only personally knows of people who have been dead for several years whose names still remain on the rolls, but, also, a personal friend who has long since left the City.

One of the severe consequences of the highly inflated voter rolls, is that the voter turnout is very inaccurate. Her precincts, she feels, have an undeserved reputation for low voter turnout, because the list of registered voters is so greatly inflated with names of deceased persons and persons no longer in the City.

Richard Sevilla: Observed that this same problem also probably existed in the Mission District precincts.

Registrar Wong described how the purge process, proscribed by law, is conducted.

Ernest Llorente: Many of the polling places need to provide more privacy for the voters to vote their ballots.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 5th, in the Registrar's Office 5:30 P.M.

Adjourned: 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

AGENDA December 5, 1990 MEETING

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Sub-committee report on Rosario Anaya complaint

Preparation for the Annual Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Additional November election information

Arthur Welch report on his Haight Polling Place

Purging the voter rolls; strategies to update the rolls more accurately

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

Please note, this meeting will be held in the Registrar's Office

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

January 9, 1991
Meeting Location: Registrar's Office
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call:
Members present: Ernest Llorente, Richard Sevilla, Molly Wood, Samson Wong, Richmond Young, Roger Cardenas, Brian Mavrogeorge, David Binder, Martha Gillham, George Mix, Jr.
Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Registrar; Greg Hobson, Registrar's Office; Randy Riddle, City Attorney
Members of the public attending: Rosario Anaya, Candidate; Arthur Welch, Poll Worker; Susan Herbert, S. F. Independent

Meeting called to order at 5:43 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accpeted after corrections.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente called on Richard Sevilla, Chairman of the Sub-Committee reviewing Rosario Anaya's charges against the Registrar's Office, to present the committee's findings. Mr. Sevilla provided each member with the preliminary report. The committee reviewed the procedures used in processing Anaya's sponsor list and the following was determined. In the charges regarding the names of Feinstein and Williams, human errors were the reason for eliminat ion. In reviewing the remainder of the charges, the findings were inconclusive.
The committee then discussed in great detail all of Anaya's charges, all of the information which could be gathered, and all of the questions which could not be answered because of a lack of any substantial facts.

Richmond Young moved, seconded by Sevilla, that the issue of reordering the candidate's sponsor certificates, be referred to the District Attorney's office for them to investigate further. The motion carried with eight ayes and two nos.

Richmond Young moved, seconded by Samson Wong, that the Registrar's Office write an official apology to Rosario Anaya for the discovered human errors made in the processing of the papers. The motion was unanimously passed.

Germaine Wong and Greg Hobson then described what measures would be instituted in the future to prevent errors. Martha Gillham requested that these changes be put in writing and presented to the committee.

Chairman Llorente stessed the importance of this committee to focus on what is wrong with any part of the process and present any improvements which can be made.

Rosario Anaya was asked to respond to the findings of the sub-committee. She expressed her appreciation for the actions of this committee, and her disappointment. She believes that she has been a victim of malicious action. Ms. Anaya has requested the names of the people who erred in processing her papers.

Old Business: Mr. Arthur Welch who acted as a poll worker in a Haight precinct in the November election described to the committee the problems faced at his polling place. By three o'clock in the afternoon, it was obvious that the polling place was running out of ballots. Two phone calll s were made to the Registrar's Office and by six o'clock there was still no response from the office and their ballots were all used. At least, four people left, unable to wait any longer. Mr. Welch believes there could have been more people unable to vote. Mr. Welch then borrowed ninety ballots from a nearby precinct. Eighty six of these were used. Not only was it almost impossible to get through to the Registrar's Office on the phone, but the polling place was never visited by a Rover. Furthermore, in the instruction class for workers, it was never stated that demonstration ballots could be used if necessary.

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 6, 1991
Registrar's Office 5:30 P.M.

Adjourned: 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
March 6, 1991
Meeting Location: Registrar's Office
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Members present: Brian Mavrogeorge, Ernest Llorente, David Binder, Richmond Young, Richard Sevilla, Molly Wood, Martha Gillham

Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Randy Riddle

Members absent: Samson Wong, excused; Roger Cardenas, excused; George Mix, Jr., excused

Meeting called to order at 5:55 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved and accepted.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wong reported that now that she has a secretary, press notices can be sent out to keep the public informed about office activities.

Civil service examinations were taken by the Division Managers. Results should be known by the 18th March

Brown bag information sessions will start in June for the November candidates. Sessions will also be held for registrars of voters.

In July, preparation for the November Voter Handbook will begin.

Redistricting plan will be made by September which will call for re-precincting. Topography will be one of the criteria in the process.

Locating good polling places and polling personnel remains a problem.

Registrar's budget in the Mayor's Office now. The only addition is money for new ballot boxes which are badly needed.

Purging is going on. Duplicate names are being eliminated. Names of the deceased are now being sent over from the Health Department. We have now 407,000 registered voters. Expecting to have 405,000 after the purge. City population is now 750,000.

Old Business: Anaya Complaint: Chairman Llorente has contacted the District Attorney's office urging a response from them. Motion was made, seconded and approved that the D.A. should respond by April 1.

Annual Report: Chairman Llorente presented to the committee his current draft and asked for their participation in finalizing the report.

Registrar Wong expressed her concern over the fact that polling workers can now apply for unemployment insurance. She is troubled over the potential amount of money this could cause the City. Discussion of this followed and Registrar Wong was asked to bring to the committee the number of workers who have applied for compensation.

New Business: Election of Officers: Nominations of officers were opened. Motion made, seconded and unanimously approved that the present slate of officers be reelected.

Chairman: Ernest Llorente
Vice-Chairman: Richard Sevilla
Secretary: Martha Gillham

Adjourned: 6:55 P.M.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April , 1991 5:30P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gillham

Martha Gillham
Secretary

PLEASE CALL ERNEST LLORENTE OR MARTHA GILLHAM IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE APRIL 3 MEETING

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
April 10, 1991
Meeting Location: Registrar's Office
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:
Members present: Ernest Llorente, Samson Wong, Martha Gillham, Molly Wood, Brian Mavrogeorge, Richard Sevilla, David Binder, Richmond Young
Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Registrar; Randy Riddle, City Attorney
Members absent: George Mix, Jr. excused; Roger Cardenas

Members of the public attending: Susan Herbert, S.F. Independent

Meeting called to order at 5:44 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting accepted and approved.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wong announced the number of candidates who have already filed to run for offices on the November ballot. So far, there are six petitions being circulated to qualify issues for the ballot.

Purge has been completed and the final number of registered voters is 390,000. Twelve thousand names were dropped, and 16, 000 will remain with change of addresses filed.

There will be a 5% to 10% cut in the Registrar's budget. Cuts can be made by elimination of the legal text from the handbook, lower the estimate of people voting, postpone buying new voting booths, fax machine and another p.c. In June the process of re-precincting will begin.

A run off election is likely to happen, Scheduled for early December.

Secretary of State's office has issued a preliminary survey of voters asking them to evaluate the usefullness of different parts of the voter handbook. It was moved that this committee would request a copy.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente presented to the committee Deputy District Attorney's letter to the committee briefly stating that Anaya's complaints were insufficient for his office to investigate. Discussion ensued. Richard Sevilla stated that Deputy Beckworth's response failed to deal specifically with each of Anaya's specific complaints, and that this committee and Anaya deserved a full and compleat response to the several complaints. Sevilla movedthat a request for a more informative response from Beckworth be made. Unanimously passed, except for Mavrogeorge who abstained.

Chairman Llorente presented his first draft of the Annual Report to the the members. He asked for members' additions, comments or corrections by the next meeting.

Chairman Llorente announced that State Senator Quentin Kopp is interested in the issue of improving the purging process. Richmond Young stated that State Senator Milton Marks's office also indicated an interest in this topic and should be contacted.

Same day voting/registration proposal was briefly discussed. It was suggested that this committee could sponsor a public forum focussed on proposals to increase voter registration and voter participation.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 1991
Registrar's Office 5:30 P.M.

Adjourned: 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
May 8, 1991
Meeting Location: Registrar's Office
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:
Members present: Ernest Llorente, Richard Sevilla, Samson Wong, David Binder, Martha Gillham, Molly Wood, Richmond Young, Brian Mavrogeorge
Ex-officio: Germaine Wong

Members absent: Roger Cardenas, George Mix, Jr. excused, Randy Riddle

Members of the public attending: Susan Herbert, S.F. Independent

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved and accepted.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wong provided the following information: Purging is now complete. The number of registered Republicans remains the same, Democrat registration is slightly down, Green Party registration has increased. Spanish speaking voters has decreased while Chinese numbers have increased.

Registrar Wong commented that registration drives should focus on re-registering voters who have moved within the city. The latest statistics prove that this is an overlooked need. 80% of eligible voters are registered in S.F.

There is pending State and Federal legislation to increase voter registration: Election day registration of voters, combining drivers licensing with registration, change of Primary days, uniform closing time for polls, and measures to increase the ability to vote absentee.

The Committee discussed methods of increasing registration and voter participation. Motion was made and seconded to form a sub-committee to investigate ways to increase registration and participation. It was suggested that a public forum be held on this topic. Richard Sevilla was appointed to Chair this sub-committee with Martha Gillham assisting him.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente circulated letters from Senators Marks and Kopp indicating their interest in the need to revise state laws regarding purging of the voter rolls.

Deputy District Attorney contacted Chairman Llorente and stated that there was insufficient evidence for him to pursue the Anaya's complaints against the Registrar's Office. Attorney Beckwith stated this opinion in a telephone call to Llorente. The Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the manner and the lack of any specific detail in Beckwith's response. And at this point, the committee still has no answeres to Anaya's complaints.

Motion was made by Sevilla and seconded by Mavrogeorge that Sevilla would send a letter to District Attorney Smith requesting a formal respones to each of the Anaya

complaints. It was also agreed by the Committee that the public and the committee members need to know for the future exactly what kinds of complaints against the election process the District Attorney can and cannot investigate.

The Annual Report with Mavrogeorge's additions and corrections was circulated. The Committee approved of the revisions.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 1991 5:30 P.M.

Adjourned: 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

AGENDA June 5, 1991 MEETING

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

Arlo Smith response to Richard Sevilla re Anaya charges.

Voter registration/participation plans

Annual Report

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting will be held in the Registrar's Office 5:30 P.M.

Note to all members: PLEASE, call Ernest Llorente or Martha Gillham if you cannot attend the meeting.

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
July 10, 1991
Meeting Location: Registrar's Office
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call:
Members present: Samson Wong, Brian Mavrogeorge, Richard Sevilla, Richmond Young, David Binder, Martha Gillham, Ex-officio: Germaine Wong
Members absent: Ernest Llorente, excused, Roger Cardenas, Molly Wood, excused, Randy Riddle, George Mix, excused
Members of the public attending:
Chris Bowman, Republican Party
Susan Herbert, S. F. Independent
Members of Registrar's Staff attending:
David Tom
Naomi Nishioka

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Meeting called to order at 5:45 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved and accepted.

Vice-Chair Sevilla presided in the absence of Chairman Llorente.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wong introduced Naomi Nishioka who is replacing Greg Hobson as Manager of Campaign Services.

Planning for the November election is well under way.

In November 25% of the precincts will be used to test the Election Data booths and voting devices. A cross section of precincts will be chosen to provide an adequate sample.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Sevilla asked the Committee to comment on the District Attorney's response re Anaya complaints. Mavrogeorge stated that this Committee still needs to know from the D.A. what constitutes a case that they can investigate. Motion was made by Mavrogeorge, seconded by Wong, to request this information from the D.A.

It was agreed that the Annual Report could be submitted.

The purging proposal will return to the August agenda. It was decided that all inteested persons should be invited to give their opinions on the matter.

Chairman Sevilla introduced Chris Bowman to the Committee. Bowman, representing the Republican Party, stated that recently a paid registrar of voters, registered sixty Republicans. and that eleven of these newly registered voters were contacted, they said they were not Republicans. Bowman suggests that there should be local legislation which would control the activity of paid registrars and petitioners. Richmond Young stated that any matter of fraud should be addressed to the D.A. A formal letter will be sent by this Committee to the D.A. informing him of this matter.

Sevilla will be unable to chair the public meeting on registration and voter participation. Mavrogeorge, Young and Gillham will be responsible for presenting plans for this meeting to the Committee.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 1991 5:30 P.M.

Adjourned: 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

Martha Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
August 7, 1991
Meeting Location: Registrar's Office
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call:
Members present: Ernest Llorente, Richmond Young, Molly Wood, Richard Sevilla, Martha Gillham, Samson Wong, Germaine Wong, ex-officio
Members absent: David Binder, excused, Roger Cardenas, George Mix, Jr., Randy Riddle, ex-officio

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Meeting called toorder at 5:55 P.M

Minutes of the previous meeting approved and accepted.

Registrar's Report: Purging of the voter rolls is now completed. Presently, there are 403,824 registered voters. 35,000 voters were removed and 35,000 were returned by way of returned change of address cards. Non-partisan has increased, and so has the Green party registrations. Hispanic registration has decreased. The Registrar expects that registration will be up to 410, 000 for the November election.

The Registrar will go before all campaigns which plan to walk door to door in the precincts. Using information gathered by responsible peoplewill be helpful in purging the voter rolls.

85% of those eligible to vote in San Francisco are registered to vote. Voter turnout is 50% to 60%.

Using the Post Office help in purging the rolls, has saved the office $30,000.

All the 'suitcase' voting booths have been replaced with the new plastic booths. The new voting device will be used in ten to twelve precincts in November to test how they operated and how the voters react to them.. The Secretary of State must approve of the use of these new devices and so far the Secretary has given conditional approval, and full approval will be given after an independent analysis.

After September 13th, precinct lines will be redrawn with redistricting in mind. The Registrar would like to reduce the number of precincts. The precincts will be renumbered in a rational way. This process should be finished by December 10. The Registrar would like a sub-committee from this committee to participate in this process.

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 4, 1991
Adjourned: 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha M. Gillham
Martha Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
October 2, 1991
Meeting Location: Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Present:	Ernest Llorente	Brian Mavrogeorge
	Richmond Young	Samson Wong
	Molly Wood	Martha Gillham
	David Binder	
	Ex-officio: Aurora Pan, Precinct Service s Manager	
Absent:	Roger Cardenas	Registrar Germaine Wong excused
	George Mix, Jr.	City Attorney Randy Riddle
	Richard Sevilla	

Meeting called to order at 5:45 P.M.

Minutes approved and accepted.

Chairmans Report: Absences of Cardenas: Chair read a letter sent to Cardenas regarding his absences from committee meetings. Cardenas was asked to reply to this letter by the 27th of September. He was presented with three choices of action: He could resign, the committee could invoke Rule 7 of the Rules of Order, He could assure the committee that his attendance would improve and return to the committee. The committeediscussed this issue, and motion was made and unanimously passed that this committee should invoke Rule 7 and authorized the Chair to do so. Mr. Cardenas has not responded to the Chair's letter to him in writing or by telephone.

Supervisors Committee Hearing on New Voting Device: Martha Gillham reported on this hearing requested by Supervisor Migden. The Registrar's plan to test the new equipment in the November election was unacceptable to this committee and the matter went to the entire Board of Supervisors. The Board sent a resolution stating their objections to CAO Nothenberg. Aurora Pan stated that in response to the Supervisors objections, the Registrar had modified her original plan. The new equipment would be used only at City Hallfor absentee balloting in a very limited way.

Registrars Report: Aurora Pan, representing the Regisrar, reported the following: the office is expecting 5,000 additional registered voters before the deadline.

18,000 permanent absentee ballots will be processed.

The 1991 Voter Pamphlet has been sent to committee members for their review. Chairman Llorente and Molly Wood both remarked that if was unfortunate that this Committee was not allowed to review the pamphlet before it went to the printer.

Implementation of increasing the number of polling places in public housing sites is well underway. Chair Llorente said that this committee was not notified of the request for this change nor was the committee invited to participate in the planning process. Members voiced concerns about security provided for those non-resients of housing projects who now will be voting at housing project polling places. Aurora Pan stated that security was a concern and that security would probably be provided by Housing Authority police.

Brian Mavrogeorge remarked that the Community group requesting this change did not appear to be representative of all the communities that would be impacted by this change. David Binder recommended that those people who did not reside in Housing sites, but would be voting in the sites in November be notified by letter of their changes in polling places and in addition, be reminded that they can vote absentee it they wish to. Molly Wood described her experiences as a Rover on Election day going into the project polling places. The committee then discussed all the issues raised by this decision to increase the number of polling palaces in the housing sites. Martha Gillham voiced her opinion that this committee is treated by the Registrars Office as a "non-entity" and shallow "window dressing". She stated that the CACE is established by law and that for this committee to fulfill its legal obligations, the Registrars Office must recognize that cooperation is necessary. The committee unanimously asked the Chairman to send to the Registrar a letter detailing all of the concerns of the Committee.

Aurora Pan asked the members to volunteer as Rovers on Election day.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 1991
5:30 P.M.
Room 158 City Hall

Adjourned: 7 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
November 13, 1991 Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Present: Ernest Llorente, Molly Wood, Martha Gillham, George Mix, Jr., Brian Mavrogeorge, Richmond Young, David Binder, Samson Wong
Ex-officio: Germaine Wong

Absent: Roger Cardenas, Richard Sevilla, Randy Riddle, ex-officio

Members of the public Present:
Dorothy Seidl
Linda Post
Jim Walkup
Susan Herbert, S.F. Independent

Meeting called to order 5:50 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved and adopted.

Chairman's Report: Polling places on Public Housing Sites: October 2, the Chairman attended a meeting where deputy police captains were present. He found in speading with the captains that the Police Department did not know anything about requests for additional security in the Housing Site Polling Places. The Chair stated that this committee needs to be apprised of any changes in election plans before the changes become policy.

Election Day Observations From Committee Members:
Molly Wood: In the precincts she covered election day, she found on one Roster, two people dead for two years and one person, dead for four years, despite the family's request to remove the name. One of the deceased was on the permanent absentee list. She found several instances of absentee ballots which voters received the day after election. She found several polling officers who did not know about provisional ballots.

Martha Gillham: Observed at the Registrar's Office from 7 A.M til 12:30 P.M. and reported the following: Twenty-four precincts were late to open, and an additional five precincts opened, but did not have ballots. One precinct did not open til 10 A.M. It appeared that some of the Rovers were not functioning properly. The entire personnel in the Office were well organized, efficient, and courteous and patient with the public. After the polls closed at 8:00 P.M. and the ballot boxes began to be delivered at City Hall, Polk Street was amess. Cars had not been towed in front of City Hall and precinct Inspectors could not park at the kerb resulting in double parking and a great jam up of cars with people lugging their ballot boxes in the middle of the darkened Street. Only one police officer was trying to direct traffic. There were three boy scouts helping people with the ballot boxes and not one Registrar helper to bring the boxes into City Hall.

Brian Mavrogeorge: He applied for an absentee ballot on October4, and never received one. On election day, he went to his precinct polling place, and was told that because his name was on the absentee list, he could not vote. He requested a provisional ballot and after voting it, he was told that this provisional ballot could not go into the ballot box.

David Binder: On election night the absentee ballots turned in at the precincts were sorted out incorrectly. Pacific Heights absentees were attributed to Potrero Hill, and Potrero Hill's to Pacific Heights.

Samson Wong: In the precincts covered by him on election day, there were many, many complaints from people who had not received their absentee ballots. One voter had not received a voter handbook, and one voter was not given a provisional ballot he requested. Not enough Chinese speaking polling workers. There is a need to simplify the application form for absentee ballots.

Germaine Wong's Responses: Absentee Ballots: For the first time, absentee ballots were precincted i.e. precinct numbers printed on the ballots. The 8,000 absentee ballots returned in the ballot boxed, were attributed to the wrong precincts by the computer system. All permanent absentee ballots were mailed out by the 4th of October. After the 4th of October, the turnaround time is three days, twenty-four hours and same day. Some requests for absentee ballot s probably never get to the Registrar's Office due to inefficiencies in the Post Office. She does not know today how many requests arrived in her office after election day.

Polling Places: There was a weakness in the polling places. We did not make a good enough effort to reach the Inspectors by telephone the Sunday and Monday before election. Many of the Rovers did not function properly. The Inspectors and the Rovers need better training. Molly Wood asked again if the election classe s could be held in the neighborhoods closer to the polling personnel's homes making it easier and more attractive for the people to attend the classes.

Additional Polling Places in the Public Housing Sites: George Mix, Jr. requested to be recognized at this time to present to the Committee information he had about this event. Mr. Mix said that he as Director of the Urban League had been asked by Sharon Hewitt, a Public Housing activist, if Mr. Mix could help in increasing the number of polling places in the Sites. Mr. Mix advised Hewitt and the other community leaders to meet with the Registrar. It was Mix's understanding that the group was simply asking for additional polling places. The group met with Germane Wong two days before the voter handbooks were to go to press according to Wong. The Registrar stated that the plan, devised by her office, had mixed results. Mavrogeorge commented that the community group asking for the change, did not appear to represent properly all the voters who would be involved in the relocation of the polling places. Wood asked what was the problem, as no voter in this City has to go farther then seven blocks to vote? Binder observed that after a first analysis, the changed did not appear to have increased voter turn-out. In the December election, according to Registrar Wong, six of the involved precincts will return to their former locations. And Valencia Gardens Site will be reconfigured. Young observed that many voters were reluctant to go into Valencia Gardens to vote.

Registrar's Report: Only one Roster was missing from the returned ballot boxes. She has a "stack" of suspected fraudulant voter registration cards and the matter is being investigated. Voter registration now at 422,000 is expected to be 430,000 for the December election. By June, all polling places will be handicapped accessable.

Old Business: Chairman Llorente reported that Rule 7 of the Committee's Rules of Order is presently being implemented in regard to Roger Cardenas.

New Business: The Committee strongly recommends:

1. A closer working relationship between the Committee and the Registrar's Office, especially, in any proposed changes affecting the voters.
2. Classes for polling personnel be held in the neighborhoods.
3. Ballot boxes be returned to neighborhood locations and relayed by designat ed deputised Registrars to City Hall. This change in the procedure might induce more responsible people to volunteer as poll workers as it would relieve them of driving t he distance to City Hall.
4. We need a method to find out why so many absentee ballots were not voted.
5. A review should be made of the Evans Street procedures, focussing on how the incoming and outgoing mail of the Registrar's office is processed.

Testimony from the Public: Anita Post: She did not get her voter handbook. Later she received a letter from the Registrar informing her that her polling place had been changed. The letter did not tell her the new location of did it include an absentee ballot request. In addition, she was not allowed to cast a provisional ballot in a polling place across the street from her home.

Dorothy Seidl: She is concerned about unapposed candidates on the S.F. ballot and wonders if the City is complying with the law. Chairman Llorente advised her to consult with the City Attorney., and invited her to return to our next meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, December, 13, 1991 5:30 P.M.

Adjourned: 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

Martha M. Gillham, Secretary

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1991 5:30P.M. REGISTRARS OFFICE CITY HALL

AGENDA

Chairman's Report:

December Election

Registrar's Report:

December Election

Old Business:

Board of Supervisor's response to Rule 8 of the Rules of Order

Status of the New Voting Device

New Business:

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
December 13, 1991 Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:	Samson Wong	Molly Wood
	Brian Mavrogeorge	David Binder
	Martha Gillham	Richmond Young
	George Mix, Jr.	Richard Sevilla
	Ernest Llorente	Dan Kalb
	Ex-officio: Germaine Wong	
Absent:	Randy Riddle, City Attorney	

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Members of the Public present:
Landis Whistler, Dominic Lloyd, R. Straus
Susan Herbert, S.F. Independent

Meeting called to order at 5:40 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved and adopted.

Registrar's Report: 70% of the provisional ballots were legal, and most of them were absentee. 72,000 absentee ballots were returned. 86,000 ballots were issued. Registrar Wong met with the trouble shooter from the Post Office and it was ackowledged that zip codes 91116 and 94109 sub-stations had problems processing the mail. Wong stated that classes for the polling workers need to be improved. Wood, again suggested that the classes be held in the neighborhoods instead of requiring the polling personell to come to City Hall classes. Gillham, again recommended, that ballot boxes be taken to neighborhood collection sites to be transported to City Hall by deputised registrars.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente reported that the polling place in Holly Circle was located in a street cleaning area and voters' cars were ticketed. He suggested that street cleaning employees be advised not to ticket voters' cars. Richard Sevilla reported that in Mission District, it was reported that poll workers were not updating rosters. Martha Gillham stated that election day at City Hall was perhaps the best ever. Corres pondence has been received about voter privacy and the disorganization of recruiting and training polling workers, and an assert ion that non-citizens are permitted to register to vote. Wong commented that Precinct orgainization continues to need improvement.

Public Hearing: Landis Whistler: Confusing and unclear communications continue to come from the Registrar's Office to the polling officials. Some of the Office's requirements, he believes, conflict with State Code.

Dominic Lloyd: The ballot format was confusing to the voter and, possibly, this confusing format caused many voters to mis vote their ballots. David Binder commented that the ballot formant used needed to be improved, and warranted an examination.

Susan Herbert: Voters at Rosa Parks were not notified of the changes in their polling places. Martha Gillham said she was told that Valencia Garden voters did not receive notification of their polling place changes.

ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.
NEXT MEETING MONDAY JANUARY 6, 1992 5:30 P.M.
Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Martha M. Gillham

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
January 6, 1992 Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Present:	Jim Stevens	Ernest Llorente
	Samson Wong	Martha Gillham
	David Binder	Dan Kalb
	George Mix, Jr.	Richmond Young
	Ex-officio:	Germaine Wong
Absent:	Molly Wood	
	Richard Sevilla	B. MAVROGEORGE
	Randy Riddle, City Attorney Ex-officio	

Members of the Public present:
David Schneider Dorothy Seidel

Meeting called to order 5:35 P.M.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and adopted after Richmond Young offered corrections to the testimony of L. Whistler. David Binder offered corrections to his observations about the ballot counting in the November election recorded in the November minutes.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman circulated to the committee two letters he sent to two citizens voicing their concerns.

Registrar's Report: The November and December elections are still not "wrapped up". The December election will be finished first. Green Party voter registrations still being processed. The Green Party has officially qualified as a party in the State.

Voter registration tapes should be ready by the end of January.

Purge of the rolls begins the end of January. Duplicate names on the Rosters will be removed.

Bart District 8 lines have been proposed.

Public hearings will be held next week on the Assembly District lines. All District lines will be made by January 28. Federal Court will hear all appeals re lines as soon as possible.

February 10, "rough" District maps will be available. Refined maps will be available three to six months later.

Court cases could possibly move the lines again which would move the State election to August with the Federal election remaining in June.

Thirty precincts need to be made handicapped accessable. Polling sites also need to be re-evaluated. All polling workers are being contacted to present their recommendations for improving the system.

The present voting format will be used throughout 1992. The recently purchased voting devices will not be unsed until they can be used in an appropriate trial run. San Bernadino used them in their last election and San Diego is hoping to do so. Gillham asked the Registrar if the devices had been approved yet by the Secretary of State.

Daniel Kalb stated that two persons voting absentee from out of state did not receive their ballots in time to vote. He recommended that all absentee ballots being sent out of state be sent first class mail.

David Binder reported on his investigation of the disproportianate number of voted ballots which did not indicate a vote for mayor. Binder looked at three precincts and hand counted the vot es. Two of the three precincts had the same count as the vote counter machine. In the third precinct there was a differential of eight votes. One hundred and thirty-four ballots had no punches. Seventy four did not vote on Proposition A. In David Binder's opinion if there was any undercounting of votes, it was minimal. Jim Stevens agreed with David Binder, after he reviewed some to the counted ballots. Binder reminded the Committee that by law after each election 1% of the voted ballots must be handcounted, and the greatest differential ever seen as a differential of 3. This election the differential was 2. Chads remaining on the voted ballots is a problem. Samson Wong stated that voters need to be instructed to remove chads from their voted ballots. Germaine Wong said that round holes will be used in the future instead of the small rectangular shapes on the ballot punch out space.

Public Hearing: David Schneider testified that our present voting system violates the voters' right to cast a secret ballot as provided in the State Constitution. The voting booths need to be at least six or seven feet apart or provided with curtains to provide the voter secrecy in casting his vote. Mr. Schneider, also, feels that there should be a standard voting procedure throughout the State. He will present his recommendation to Senator Quentin Kopp.

Dorothy Seidel stated that the voting booths are too close together, and the voters need privacy while voting.

Germaine Wong said the Office would like to locate all polling places in public buildings which would provide more space to spread out the voting booths.

New Business: Jim Stevens, a new Committee member was presented to the members. Mr. Stevens was appointed by Mayor Agnos to fill the vacany of Mr. Hoyt Zia who resigned April, 1990.

Adjourned: 7:10 P.M.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 1992

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham
Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
February 5, 1992 Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Present:	Dan Kalb	Ernest Llorente
	Brian Mavrogeorge	Samson Wong
	Martha Gillham	George Mix, Jr.
	Jim Stevens	Richmond Young
	Ex-officio:	Germaine Wong
Absent:	Molly Wood ex	Richard Sevilla
	David Binder ex	Randy Riddle, City Attorney

Meeting called to order 5:35 P.M.

Minutes approved and accepted.

Chairman's Report: Requested the Registrar to include this committee in the process of recruiting polling worders and choosing polling sites.

Asked the Registrar the status of the alleged cases of voter registration fraud reported to the District Attorney. The Registrar said she had not heard anything from the District Attorney. Motion was made asking the Chair to write a letter to the D.A. asking the office for a progress report.

Registrar's Report: Work continues on the office budget.

The Registrar will find out from the City Attorney if the members of this committee need to file economic interest forms as the Brown Act requires of most Commission members.

Most of the present polling places will be kept, except for those not handicapped accessable. Only sixteen polling places are not accessable. Flat areas and public buildings are the most desireable locations.

They will try to avoid using two ballot cards in June. Also, will try to avoid any confusion regarding where on the card the voter is to punch to record his vote.

Purging will be complete by the end of March. The Post Office tapes are being used in the purging process. Registration will probably drop down to 410,000.

Dan Kalb asked the Registrar to provide the committee with all pending legislation, Federal, State and Local, effecting the voting process. Jim Stevens was appointed by the Chair to find the best way of getting proposed legislation from the Board of Supervisors to this committee.

New Business: Martha Gillham complemented Samson Wong who participated in a successful voter registration drive in the Chinese community. Brian Mavrogeorge said that this committee should publicly recognize any groups or individuals who conduct successful drives. The committee unanimously agreed with this proposal.

Election of Officers will be held at the March Meeting.

Adjourned: 6:35 P.M.
NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY MARCH 4,1992
Respectfully submitted,
Martha M. Gillham
Martha M. Gillham Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
March 4, 1992 Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present:	Ernest Llorente	David Binder
	Martha Gillham	Dan Kalb
	Richmond Young	Molly Wood
	George Mix	Jim Stevens
	Brian Mavrogeorge	Samson Wong
	Ex-officio: Germaine Wong	Randy Riddle
Absent:	Richard Sevilla ex	

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Meeting called to order 5:37 P.M.

Minutes approved and accepted.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wong provided the Committee with a list of candidates who have as of today filed for the June election and a list of the June ballot measures. Only one ballot card will be required for this election.

Precinct reorganization is completed with new lines and renumbered precincts. Presently, underway is the formation of "political neighborhoods", an organization primarily used by political parties and political anylists.

Poll workers classes will be de-centralized. The office is hoping to be able to make a new video film to be used in these classes.

Voter registrations continue to come in. Purging continues. There has been a problem with using the Post Office tape. 30,000 postal cards have been sent out. And a new post office card has been designed. This card will be used by precinct walkers.

Randy Riddle, Deputy City Attorney, stated that members of this committee are not required to file statements of economic interest.

Proposed state and federal legislation about election procedures was given to each member. Brian Mavrogeorge suggested that the committee discuss these measures at the next meeting. Chairman Llorente asked the members to be prepared to discuss the Kopp amendments to the Brown Act at the April meeting.

Chairman's Report: Deputy District Attorney Bogott responded to the Chirman's inquiry into the status of the investigation of possible voter registration fraud. It was unanimously decided that Bogott should be invited to discuss with the committee the process used by the District Attorney's office to investigate charges of voter fraud.

Election of Officers: An election of officers was then held with the following results:
Chairman: Ernest Llorente
Vice-Chairman: Samson Wong
Sectretary: Martha Gillham

Adjourned: 7:00P.M.
NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 1992
Respectfully submitted,
Martha M. Gillham
Martha M. Gillham

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

MEETING: WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 1992

AGENDA

Chairman's Report: Annual Report

Measure to amend Administrative Code requirements for the Voter Handbook.

Kopp amendment to the Brown Act

State and Federal pending legislation about the voting process

Registrar's Report: Planning for the June Election

Old Business: District Attorney and complaints of voter fraud

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
April 1, 1992 Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

Minutes

Roll Call:

Present:	Ernest Llorente	Samson Wong	Jim Stevens
	David Binder	George Mix	
	Martha Gillham	Daniel Kalb	
	Richmond Young	Brian Mavrogeorge	
	Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Registrar		
	Others: Aurora Pan, Registrar's Office		
	Susan Herbert, S.F. Independent		
Absent:	Richard Sevilla, excused		
	Molly Wood, excused		
	Randy Riddle		

Meeting called to order 5:39 P.M.

Minutes approved and accepted.

Chairmans Report: The committee has reviewed fourteen State and Federal pending bills that effect the voting process. Brian Mavrogeorge provided the committee members with his own succinct review of all the measures. The committee voted to support the following :

S.B. 27 Required number of signatures for signatures
A.B. 1511 Absentee voting requirements
A.B. 979 Using DMV for voter registration
A.B. 1068 Penalties for infractions of financial filings
S.B. 1538 Brown Act reforms

Letters will be sent by the Chairman to the authors of these measures expressing our support and where indicated our suggestions for improvement of the legislation.

Brian Mavrogeorge moved that this committee accept as an operating procedure that is consistent with the spirit of Senator Kopp's S.B.1538. He will present to the committee this idea at the next meeting for consideration.
Daniel Kalb expressed the Committee's thanks to Mavrogeorge for his analysis of the legislative measures.

Chairman Llorente told the committee that he, Wong and Gillham had attended the Supervisors Administrative and Oversight Committee's hearing on Supervisor Maher's proposal to remove from the Voter Handbookthe information on how each Supervisor voted on submission of Supervisor's arguments in the book. After a heated discussion the AandO Committee agreed to hear this measure again on April 21. CACE once again agreed that our prior endorsement of this reform be maintained.

Chairman Llorente's Annual REport was accepted without amendment.

Assistant District Attorney Tom Bogot will attend our May meeting to respond to our questions about how his office attends to complaints of Voter fraud and irregularities.

Registrar's Report: Preparation of the Voter Handbook is well on schedule. Voter registration is now 425, 894, with the Democrats increasing, and the Greens decreasing.

We now have 675 precincts.

Presently, looking for polling places and recruiting polling personnel. Aurora Pan, Registrar's Office Manager incharge of Precinct organization reported the following: The training program for polling workers has been redesigned. Classes for the workers will he held throughout the city. A testing method has been designed to make accountability a part of the process.

Adjourned: 7:25 P.M.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY MAY 6. ROOM 224 (next to the Supervisors' Chambers)

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

Martha M. Gillham, Secretary

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

MEETING: Wednesday, May 6, 1992
Room 224 City Hall

AGENDA

Chairmans Report: Asst. District Attorney will review procedure used to investigate voter fraud charges.

A review of the Administrative Code and how it outlines the limits placed on the CACE in regard to pending legislation about the voting process.

Registrars Report: June Election preparations

New Business: Proposal for the CACE to adopt the spirit of Senator Kopp's Brown Act reforms

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
May 6, 1992 Room 225 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5: 30 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Present: Ernest Llorente, Jim Stevens, Martha Gillham, Richmond Young, Samson Wong, Molly Wood
Ex-officio: Germaine Wong, Randy Riddle, Susan Herbert, S.F. Independent

Absent: David Binder, excused; Richard Sevilla, excused; Brian Mavrogeorge; George Mix, Jr.

Meeting called to order at 6:18 P.M.

Minutes approved and accepted.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente announced that Deputy D.A. Bogget could not appear at this time for the meeting.

Administrative Code prohibits any City Board from lobbying directly any State officials regarding legislation. City Attorney Riddle explained that the City must express its opinion through one voice only.

Registrar's Report: Absentee balloting begins May 4th.
Registrar Wong met with Deputy District Attorney Bogott to clarify policy for prosecuting fraudulant voter registration and to develop tighter controls over the distribution of voter registration forms.

Training sessions for all poll workers are scheduled. Registrar Wong urged Committee members to attend some of these sessions.

New Business: Committee members with great shock and sadness learned of the death of Richard Sevilla early last month.

Chairman Llorente urged members to be observers of the election process on election day, June 2.

Adjourned: 7:30 P.M.
NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 1992

Respectfully submitted,
Martha M. Gillham
Martha M. Gillham, Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
June 10, 1992 Meeting Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Present:	Jim Stevens	Ernest Llorente
	Molly Wood	Samson Wong
	Martha Gillham	David Binder
	Brian Mavrogeorge	Daniel Kalb
	Ex-officio: Germaine Wong	
	Others: John Ehrlich, Susan Herbert(S.F. Independent)	
Absent:	Richmond Young, excused	
	George Mix, excused	
	Randy Riddle	

Meeting called to order at 5:40 P.M.

Minutes approved and accepted.

Chairman's Report: Evaluation of the June Election
Chairman Llorente and Gillham attended the class held for inspectors held the day before election day. Llorente complimented the teacher of the class on his teaching skills. Unfortunately, the room was very overcrowded and unventilated. Llorente questionded the wisdom of allowing clerks to be exempted from the classes. He recommended that t he teacher demonstrate to the class how to unjam the voting devices. And he urged that in t he future the primary ballots have party designations on them.
Llorente reported that he, Samson Wong, Molly Wood and Martha Gillham monitored elect ion day at City Hall:

Llorente and Wong observed that a ballot box returned to City Hall about ten o'clock appeared very battered and contained an unlocked ballot box. In addition, the persons returning the box did not appear to be concerned or responsible.

Molly Wood reported that a Rover assigned to the housing project at Hayes and Buchanan became involved in a potentially life threatening situation. This was on the street directly outside the project. He was alone and there was no security officers present. Wood, once again recommended that Rovers, assigned to potential high crime ares go in in pairs. She, herself, has covered as a Rover in the past Geneva Terraces and found the experience threatening and frightening. Wood, also, asked the Registrar how long the electronic counter was 'down' on election night which delayed the election results.

Dan Kalb reported that at his precinct the officials were not too clear on the different kinds of ballots for the diffenent parties.

Jim Stevens reported that at North Beach Housing there were v oters who were assigned to polling places outside the project. Stevens, in addition, reminded the Committee that David Schneider still has grave concerns about the privacy of the ballot.

Brian Mavrogeorge reported that an official in his polling place appeared ignorant of election day procedures.

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Registrar's Report: In response to the observations and comments on Election Day procedures, Wong said the following:

Once again the collection of ballot boxes at the polling places and returning them to City Hall by deputized personell would be reviewed.

The training program for polling personell would be re-done

Would re consider the Rover assignments for high crime areas.

Review the lighting of the voter booths.

Improve the ballot format.

Concerning the November election: If there are a super amount of candidates running for office in November, three cards will be needed. David Binder observed that if three cards are used in November, the format should be redesigned so that the voter will be aware of the total number of candidates running for any given office. Wong stated that if she were to be allowed to use the proposed 'new Method', only one ballot card would be needed. Bag Lunch informational sessions will be held for candidates and campaign people. Gillham stated that there is a need for a procedure for providing people involved in campaigns with all the necessary forms and information. A procedure that would verify that a person had been provided with the forms, and prevent untrue charges that the Registrar's Office is negligent.

New Business: Chairman Llorente said that once again he would invite Deputy District Attorney Boggot to attend our next meeting and provide us with clarifying information.

Chairman Llorente annonced that In Memorial for Richard Sevilla individual contributions to Open Hand could be sent to him and he would forward them to Open Hand.

Adjourned: 7:P.M.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY JULY 1, 1992

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

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Addition to June election evaluation:
Gillham observed electiond day activities at City Hall from very early in the morning til midnight. She praised highly the election day staff for their vigorous efforts and courtesy. She questioned the necessity of keeping so many 'fill-in' polling workers for so long at City Hall. She, once again,,recommended that ballot boxes be returned to City Hall by fire or police personell or other deputized persons. Expressed concern about how many duplicate registrations are on the voter rolls.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

MEETING July 1, 1991
5: 30 P.M.
Registrar's Office, City Hall

AGENDA

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Registrar's guidelines of initiatives, Charter amendments, candidates and recall

Secrecy of the Ballot Communications from David Schneider.

Deputy District Attorney Boggott

OLD BUSINESS: Progress reports: Ballot format for November election, improving classes for polling workers, assignment of Rovers to high crime areas

NEW BUSINESS:

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
August 5, 1992 Meeting Room 158 City Hall

Minutes

Roll Call:

Present:	Samson Wong	Brian Mavrogeorge	Jim Stevens
	Ernest Llorente	Richmond Young	
	Martha Gillham	David Binder	
	Molly Wood	George Mix, Jr.	
	Jim Stevens	Daniel Kalb	
		Ex-officio: Germaine Wong	
Absent:	Randy Riddle		

Meeting called to order at 5: 30 P.M.

Minutes approved and accepted.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Llorente reported to the Committee the remarks Deputy District Attorney Boggott made regarding the prosecution of voter fraud. Prosecution can proceed only if the person charged with fraudulant voter registrations can be located. He advised that registration organizations maintain records which include driver's licenses and social security numbers of the persons hired to register voters. And, also, accurate records of the affadavits and the persons to whom they are assigned.

David Schneider Complaint of Violation of Voter Privacy Mr. Schneiders complaints and corresspondence was reviewed. Registrar Wong stated that in an effort to comply that fewer booths will be put into the smaller garage sites. Jim Stevens suggested that a line be made on the floor designation that waiting voters remain behing the line allowing more space around the voters using the booths. Martha Gillham reminded the committee that Mr. Schneider has researched this problem extensively and he, Mr. Schneiderstates that the State Election Code requires that all voters be provided voter privacy. Mr. Schneider is not just concerned about his own garage Haight precinct. Germaine Wong said that curtaining the booths would be too expensive. 64,000 booths were used in the last election. Registrar Wong stated that she and her staff would do whatever they could to provide privacy. She will notify Mr. Schneider of her intentions. Chairman Llorente will also write to Mr. Schneider in behalf of the Committee to let him know that the Committee would follow the progress of remedying this problem. George Mix, Jr. stated that the polling inspector has a responsibility to see that voter privacy is provided and that in his polling place the inspector tries to do this.

Instructional Materials The Committee approved of the materials prepared for the public. Also, the brown bag lunch sessions for candidates and staff appeared to be successful. Brian Mavrogeorge suggested that materials available to the public have the names of the members of this committee on them so that the public can be made aware of the Committee's existence and responsibility.

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New Business: Richmond Young reported that some campaign workers are unhappy with the new precinct maps because they do not designate completely all of the streets in the City. Registrar Wong said that new city wide maps will be available next week with all the streets designated.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Wong said that new registrations are increasing about 2,000 per week. Paul Mancuso, manager of the computer division of the office, will be leaving very soon and the vacancy is already being noticed. Planning for the November election is proceeding on schedule.

Additional New Business: George Mix, Jr. cordially invited all members to attend fund raising event sponsored by the Urban League and St. Cyprian's for the Black Male Awareness Program. Event is scheduled for October 31.

Adjourned: 7:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 1992

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gilham.

Martha M. Gilham
Secretary

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
September 2, 1992 Room 158 City Hall
Time of Meeting: 5:30 P.M.

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Roll Call:

Present: Brian Mavrogeorge, Jim Stevens, David Binder, Ernest Llorente, Daniel Kalb, Richmond Young, Samson Wong, Martha Gillham
Ex-officio: Germaine Wong

Absent: Molly Wood, George Mix, Jr., Randy Riddle Ex-officio

Meeting called to order 5:50 P.M.

Minutes approved and accepted after two corrections.

Registrar's Report: At this time there are 450,000 registered voters and, by election day, there is an expected 460,000 registered voters. Another closer look at the latest 10,000 newly registered voters will be made. The last purge eliminated 7,000 names. They will be looking especially for duplicate registrations. Secretary of State March Fong Eu estimates that San Francisco has only 478,000 eligible to vote persons. There is a need for tighter control over the affidavits. Better cooperation between the Registrar's office and the political parties is needed. Registrar Wong urged committee members to do what they could to encourage all registration groups to work closely with her office.

There will be seven ballot types in the November election.

Patty Schumacher will be the new Computer Services Manager beginning September 15th.

Voter Handbook will go to the printer this weekend.

Chairman's Report: Jim Lazarus, Deputy Mayor, has been contacted and notified about the need to fill the vacancy on this committee. Chairman Llorente urges the committee members to make community groups and individuals aware of this committee and the existing vacancy.

Adjourned 6:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 1992 ROOM 249

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
October 14, 1992 Committee Room, City Hall

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Roll Call:

Present: David Binder, Samson Wong, Brian Mavrogeorge, Martha Gillham, Ernest Llorente, George Mix, Jr., Daniel Kalb, Jim Stevens, Molly Wood

Ex-officio: Randy Riddle

Absent: Richmond Young, Germaine Wong

Registrar's Staff present: Aurora Pan, David Tom

Meeting called to order at 5:47 P.M.

Minutes approved and accepted.

Chairman's Report: Chairman reported that he again spoke with Deputy Mayor Lazarus about this committee's vacancy.

Chairman spoke with David Schneider re Schneider's concern about voter privacy. Registrar Wong will be sending to him the new polling workers' handbook which designates how voting booths will be positioned to provide voter privacy.

Registrar's Report: Manager David Tom, representing the Office, reported the following: There are 480, 4400 registered voters. There is an unusually high registration throughout the State. There is presently concerns about some of the registration drives. A strong belief that there are illegal registrations occurring. Molly Wood stated that in a very recent telephone polling, 50% of the names were not existant. Ernest Llorente reminded the committee that organizations responsible for registration drives exercise tighter control over their registrars and their affidavits. Molly Wood said that it is believed that many of the people doing voter registration are loosely organized.

Manager Aurara Pan reported that there will be 606 polling places, 80 of these relocated since June. She gave to the members the new polling workers manuals. Training sessions for all workers have been scheduled. A total of 2900 workers are required and 606 of these will serve as inspectors. Thirty deputy registrars (rovers) will be used. Majority of these will be city employees. Martha Gillham expressed the previously request of this committee that rovers going into recognized dangerous areas be in teams of two. Ernest Llorente asked Pan about the security of the ballot boxes, and ballot boxes being returned to City Hall in a timely way. Pan stressed the need of limiting security passes on election night so that the work could be done without interferance.

Brian Mavrogeorge said that he feels that polling workers need to understand better why, when and how provisional ballots are used.

Samson Wong asked who provides proof reading for the Chinese and Spanish language handbooks. He notes that the November Chinese handbook misspells, in English, candidate Leland Yee's name.

Daniel Kalb asked if the Registrar's Office telephone capacity could be increased. David Tom replied that the present capacity is the limit of what the office can maintain.

Jim Stevens observed that League of Women Voters Bookletwas in the absentee voting area of the Registrar's Office.

Motion was made by Mavrogeorge and seconded, that all campaign material be removed from all areas where people are voting.

Adjourned: 7 P.M.

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 1992 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha M. Gillham

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MEMORANDUM

DATED: OCTOBER 1992

TO: CACE MEMBERS

FROM: ERNIE LLORENTE

RE: ELECTION DAY ACTIVITIES

Following up on our discussions at the last CACE meeting, I have had discussions with Germaine and it is agreed that all members will be provided with security passes to observe all facets the election counting process. It is also understood that I will be coordinating the schedules of the members of the committee so that there will not be more than five members of the CACE in any given security area at any given point of time.

Enclosed with this memo should be the security pass. I ask that you let me know what time of day or night you plan to observe the election activities at City Hall. You can call my office and leave a message or you can call Martha and let her know. I appreciate your interest in the election process and look forward to SEEING you on Election Day.

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S.F. CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
June 24, 1998 Minutes (unofficial)
633 Folsom Street
San Francisco, California

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by acting chairman Samson Wong. Members in attendance included Chris Bowman, Ed Canapary, Marcel Kapulica, Gail Morthole, Albert Reen, Samson Wong. Tom Owen represented the City Attorney's office. Theresa Rabe represented Elections Director Naomi Nishioka.

Mr. Canapary had requested a new business item on "Staffing, Compensation, and Legal Implications of Poll Workers and Locations" be placed on today's agenda. The item was inadvertently not calendared. As a result, the item could be included as a report by the Director of Elections in item #3. Mr. Owen advised that the committee respond to the report, but could not take any action. Mr. Canapary's item was calendared for the next meeting for appropriate action.

Mr. Bowman requested that the item #8 be considered. The committee had no objection. Mr. Bowman then motioned and Mr. Reems seconded to cancel the regular July meeting.

Ms. Rabe commented that the first week in August will be busy for the close of nominations.

Mr. Bowman amended the motion to have the meeting on July 22nd. Mr. Reems accepted the amendment. Motion passed unianimously.

II. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were approved with amendments. Amended minutes are attached.

Responding to Mr. Canapary, Mr. Wong explained that the tape of the May meeting did not replay well. As a result, the minutes nor today's agenda was incomplete. The minutes were e-mailed to the Department of Elections. As a result, the minutes were not formatted appropriately.

Mr. Bowman moved and Mr. Reem seconded to adopt the minutes as adopted.

III. Report of the chair

There was no report from the Chair.

IV. Director of Elections Report

Ms. Rabe submitted a written report on behalf the Acting Director Nishioka.

A. **Status of Comstock vs. Department of Elections:** Mr. Owen reported that the declaratory relief cause of action is still pending. There is city's motion to "de murre" is "to dispose that portion of the lawsuit." Reply brief was filed yesterday. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday morning before Judge Williamson.
B. **Election Day:** Ms. Rabe said election day was rather typical with usual problems. DOE resolved them expeditiously. The old handwritten chart on the wall detailing election problems was put on a computer screen projected on the wall. The program was developed by a MIS person. DOE plans on refining it for continued election use. It worked very well. The projection equipment is very expensive. It was loaned, but DOE will try not to pay for future use.]
C. **Shooting near Polling Location:** Ms. Rabe reported of a shooting incident near a precinct. It was not in the precinct as initially reported. Mr. Steve Nelson went to the scene and called both the

police and coroner's office. It was not a case of a minister who was assaulted. Poll workers saw the perpetrator of the shooting run pass the precinct. The police blocked off the block and the precinct. The precinct was moved. Signs and directions were given to voters. Ms. Rabe said there were few complaints and no voters were missed. Once the police reopened the street, the precinct was reopened. The poll workers, although frightened, continued to work. Voters appeared to have the ability to walk to the precincts.

D. **Election Night:** Ms. Rabe reported it was slow because of volume, but without incident. Receiving sites or centers for ballot boxes worked well. The Secretary of State or citizens such as Peter Byrne were either observing or filming the sites and precincts. Compliments were received as to the DOE's work. There was no report of filming in precincts.

E. **Customer Service Survey:** A report was furnished.

F. **New Voting System:** DOE will send the new ballot systems to all absentee voters and fifty precincts in different neighborhoods (total 25 neighborhoods). The precincts will be divided equally (based on voters, turnout) between the two vendors. DOE will be meeting with the vendors. Voters can choose to use the old system.

G. **Pay Comparison for Precinct Services:** Ms. Rabe gave a comparison report what random counties pay for precinct workers. Some pay mileage, bonuses, deliveries, or lunch. San Francisco only gives a bonus for assuring that the signed voter statement of the roster and the number of ballots balance. Rabe said that San Francisco is "not far off" compared to other counties. Mr. Canapary noted that $10 bonuses were given for only two precinct workers at the polls. Ms. Rabe was not aware of that bonus. Kern and Sacramento counties have bonuses higher than San Francisco. Contra Costa County may be higher. A copy of the election code (section 12310) does not define what the compensation should be.

H. **Response to Precinct Services Report:** This item is calendared for further discussion and action under new business next meeting. In his report, Mr. Canapary said he and his wife only worked a precinct. He described it as an "totally exploitative situation... discombobulated... demoralizing." Two people cannot work the precinct. Pick up and delivery of the precinct materials was not organized. On the day after election, he and his wife notified DOE that they would be out of town when they would come to pick up the materials. He said that they would call DOE back to reschedule. DOE pickup person still came by and left a note that he had came by. Mr. Canapary had waited all day for pickup on a Saturday at 9 am. They voted, but no one came by all day. He said that he asked his memo be incorporated into the minutes. It is harder to recruit people for civic duty or pay. San Francisco is not paying properly, but the city may require small business contractors to pay $9.50 to $16.00 per hour. As poll workers, they received on average less than $5.00 per hour. His wife, paid at $4.94 per hour, will not do it again because "she's so disgusted." "It was an unpleasant, unreal situation," said Canapary, who was paid $4.15 per hour as a clerk. It is not the case where precinct workers are paid for meals, transportation, training. "You're paying people to do work," he said. "You could take civics and throw them down the toilet," he said in regards to working election day out of civic responsibility. Even though it is after the election, the phone service message still plays back absentee ballot information as of last Monday. Ms. Rabe said she would look into it. "I was very embarrassed to be a part of this. I really was," said Canapary, who recalls precincts use to monitored by four people. Ms. Rabe said she would look into how many precincts were staffed with two people.

I. **Open Primary Analysis:** Secretary of State has asked elections departments to do an analysis of the open primary election. Ms. Rabe said the analysis will be "difficult to do." In the "manual one percent count (of the precincts)," DOE can see in the ballot as to whether a Democrat voted for a Green or Republican Party candidates (except for central committee races). DOE had received "very few" phone calls. DOE counted less than 50 calls in a month. Voters were taking longer at the polls. The ten-minute rule was not enforced. Most people were reading the voter information pamphlet while voting. "It was not an extremely large issue," said Rabe. Canapary brought up the issue of insufficient Democratic, Republican, and non-partisan voting machines. Rabe contended the allocation of voting machines is based on voter counts and historic in the precincts. However, DOE found out that more non-partisan machines are needed. The work is still the same for precinct workers. In response to Mr. Bowman, Ms. Rabe reported that some, not a large number, field election deputies (FEDs) had to provide additional ballots. Out of the 31,700 Republicans who voted, Bowman asked how they voted on the propositions citywide.

Logistically, it would be a "nightmare" said Ms. Rabe. She did not know if DOE could do it legally, but it would require opening up every precinct box. The one percent manual sample will be only for the open primary (as requested by the Secretary of State), and be publicized and sent to the Secretary of State. It will not be relevant to the propositions. Bowman contended that the 199,000 turnout was the highest (in absolute numbers) since the 1980 presidential primary and 1978 gubernatorial primary subject to purges. Four years ago is was 47% turnout. Republicans were up 25%, Democrats were 36%, American Independents were 135%, Peace and Freedom up 89%, Liberatarians up 80, Greens up 76, and Declined to States up 107 (four times the increase as a whole). Open primaries were a success, said Bowman. Ms. Rabe said DOE was not conclusive if the open primary was responsible for the higher turnout. She noted some "hot issues" such as propositions and a larger number of declined to states may have driven the turnout. There are many interpretations, but the Secretary of State is conducting an analysis.

V. **Old Business**

A. **Voting System Selection Process (ongoing):** This item was discussed under the Director's Report.

B. **Letter to Doug Comstock (on going):** There was no update.

C. **Discussion of Status of Comstock v. Nishioka (on going):** This item was discussed under the Director's Report.

VI. **New Business**

A. **Discussion of "Repeal of Stadium and Land Use Approval (Initiative #98-5):** According to Mr. Owen, Judge Williamson made a ruling that DOE does not have to accept the petition for the repeal of the stadium revenue bond measure. The order is not yet in writing. He was very "forceful in his denunciation of the contents." In response to Mr. Bowman, Mr. Owen said that the following of declaration of intentions to circulate petition: owner move-in, Central Freeway, outdoor advertising, downtown Caltrain station, non-profit sunshine act, and the repeal of the stadium, which was not included. 10,510 voter signatures need to be turned in by July 6th.

(Mr. Reems left the meeting. Quorum to transact business was lost. The committee could continue discussion.)

In response to Mr. Wong, the Board of Supervisors changed a later initiative deadline. In November 1997, the Board adopted a new elections code. The deadline was switched to July 6th. Ms. Rabe distributed copies of the election calendar.

Mr. Owen said that Mr. Comstock has not responded to the ruling on the repeal of the stadium revenue bond measure. He speculated that Mr. Comstock can file a writ rather than an appeal to expedite an interim order to provisionally accept the signatures. There is a "fair chance" if they can get it to the Court of the Appeals. The absolute deadline would be when the voter pamphlet goes to print.

VII. **Announcements**

A. **Agenda for July 29th:** Mr. Canapary asked that "legal implications" be appended to the "Staffing and Compensation" agenda item.

B. **Brown Bag Lunches:** Ms. Rabe said that nominations for elective office start in July. Workshops will be held on the July 7, 9, and 14 at noon in the office.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at:

Samson Wong
Interim Secretary

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Minutes from CACE Meeting of November ~~16~~ 18, 1998 (per phone call 1/15/99) - 8

Prepared by Susan Horsfall as follows:

Members in attendance: Kathy Grogan, President, Chris Bowman, Ed Canapary, Susan Horsfall, Marcel Kapulica, Albert Reen, Samson Wong, member-elect Anne Politeo, Deputy City Attorney Tom Owen and observer Leslie Littleton.

A quorum was achieved and the meeting began at 5:30 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

The Directors Report included an updated count – report #16, leaving 720 provisional ballots to research. The questionnaire concerning the new voting system was the subject of several comments. A tally shows that almost 1000 of the voters thought the optical scan system was easier than the votomatic system, almost 600 thought it was harder, and approximately 550 thought the systems were the same. The remainder indicated no choice. Chris Bowman questioned the methodology of tracking the responses.

The Director and staff are working on the supplemental RFP for the two vendors to receive for response. Selection is anticipated in early 1999. The Director distributed copies of the Civil Grand Jury Report as well as copies of her response to the Report. Some discussion followed on the nature of the Grand Jury Report. Members agreed to discuss it again after reading the full report.

The resolution proposed by Supervisor Tom Ammiano was also included. Discussion took place as to whether the Supervisor will communicate with the CACE regarding his possible resolution.

A vote was held to schedule the next meeting for Wednesday, January 6, 1999.

A vote was taken to delay the full presentation of the June 1998 election maps and have a brief presentation instead.

The ongoing issue of compensation for poll workers and locations included strong advocacy for greater compensation.

An update of the terms of sitting members was requested. Kathy Grogan will follow up with the Mayor's Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

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Citizens Advisory Committee on Elections
Minutes: January 20, 1999

Members in attendance: Kathy Grogan, Chris Bowan, Joan Lewis, Marcel Kapulica, Samson Wong, Susan Horsfall, Anne Politeo, Naomi Nishioka, Acting Director, Tom Owen, Deputy City Attorney, and Doug Comstock, Visitor, Henry Evers, Observer for Common Cause.

A quorum being present the meeting began at 5:45PM.

1. Review and acceptance of previous meeting minutes:
   Minutes were approved after amending to include formation of a sub-committee of members to visit Bill Lee, and Supervisor Tom Ammiano in order to discuss Dept. of Elections Citizens Advisory Committee and its functions.
2. Report of the Chair:
   The subcommittee has not met with Bill Lee or Supervisor Ammiano. A meeting will be scheduled within the next week or two. Question of becoming a Charter Commission discussed, more information is needed to determine if such a move is advantageous. Ammiano's Resolution regarding Dept. of Elections, no report yet. Copy of resolution will be sent to committee members.

3. Acting Director of Elections' Report:
   Voting system: Selection of vendor will be made by early February. Precinct Map have been updated to include supervisorial district lines. Initiatives that have qualified for ballot: Caltrans ; Charter Amend.for an Elected Transit Board. **

4. Old Business:
   - A. Voting System Selection Process - see Acting Director's report. System will be fully operational by November.
   - B. Letter to Doug Comstock regarding issues raised about June '98 election. Letter will be sent to all CACE members. Defer discussion till later.
   - C. Status of Comstock v. Nishioka: election contested, time is still running on litigation.
   - D. "Repeal of Stadium Bond and Land Use Approvals" (Initiative #98-5) Format for initiative, not count of signatures has been appealed.

** Director's note: Elected Transit Board; Charter Amendment is currently in circulation.

E. Staffing, Compensation, and Legal Implications of Poll Workers & Locations: Committee requested a report from the Dept. on staffing. How many poll workers are needed and how many are working in precincts? How many precincts had only two workers. June & Nov 98.

F. Expiration of Terms: Clarify other appointees position.

G. Municipal Election Code- Prioritization & Selection of Proponent/Opponent Arguments in Voters Information Pamphlet: Chris Bowman has reviewed the Code and indicated where Code needs revision to create a new class with priority to submit arguments -includes any other office holders in the City & County, eg. U.S. Representative. Secondly, accept only one argument per measure from the same entity. CACE members will be sent a copy of Municipal Code dealing with the Dept. of Elections.

H. Grand Jury Report: No response to Department report.

I. Issues surrounding November election: Supervisor Mabel Teng suit regarding translation of candidate names- Dept position has been not to translate names, however, Asian Law Caucus supports mandatory translation of names. **Motion: Address issue at the next meeting**. Is there any legislation that requires translation of candidate names. **Motion seconded, and adopted.** Supervisor Brown's request for faster precinct count. Need to educate people as to what is involved in counting votes. **Resolution: CACE supports the Department for prudently and accurately counting provisional and absentee ballots. And, urges the Dept. in all elections to sort back into precincts all abstentee and provisional ballots.**

5. New Business:

A. Update on Committee becoming a Commission: See report of Chair.

6. Announcements

Requested that an up date be given on people changing parties.

7. Public Comments

Henry Evers observer from Common Cause which is starting an SF Chapter.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM. Next meeting Feb. 3, 1999.

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Citizen's Advisory Committee on Elections (CACE) Minutes
5:30 pm, February 10, 1999
Department of Elections
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 48
San Francisco, CA 94102

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm. The following members were attending: Chris Bowman, Chair Kathy Grogan, Susan Horsfall, Marcel Kapulica, Anne Politeo, Albert Reen, Samson Wong, Tom Owen of the City Attorney's Office, Acting Elections Director Naomi Nishioka. Public members Henry Evers of Common Cause, Charles Marsteller of Common Cause, and Sam Lucas were present.

II. Review and Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

Susan Horsfall and Chris Bowman moved and seconded to accept the minutes.

III. Report of the Chair

The following new business items were added for March 10th. Kathy Grogan requested a discussion of the voter information pamphlet and the circumstances behind their observation (?). Chris Bowman requested a discussion of the recent Frontlines story.

IV. Acting Director of Elections' Report

February 9th selection deadline for the new voting system is less likely for the November 1999 election. Vendors will receive revised schedule. Committee on Information Technology (COIT) must approve new technology.

First draft of district election is available. Chris Bowman reviewed all assembly, congressional, precinct lines.

Naomi Nishioka reported 65 precincts (10% of all precincts) that had two poll workers or less.

444,345 active voters were reported with 2680 pending incomplete cards.

V. Old Business

A. (Formerly Item G was moved up on the agenda): Municipal Elections Code providing for Prioritization and Selection of Proponent/Opponent Arguments to the Voters Information Pamphlet (ongoing): Currently public and Mayor are treated the same in who authors official arguments. It also does not present stacking. The authors must prepay filing fee before they enter the lottery. The current fee is $200 flat fee plus $3 per word. Voter signatures in lieu of fee are acceptable. Mayor and the Board of Supervisors would be co-equal. Argument can be reassigned to another entity. Board or Mayor would be required to pay publication fee. Question of whether the funds are private or public. Can resubmit argument into the remaining categories. The draft language (see attached) would be considered at the March 10th meeting as an old business item.

B-E. These items were tabled.

F. Expiration of Terms (ongoing): Appointment of Ollie Bryant was ratified by the Board. George Mix has more than four consecutive meetings. According to the Elections Code, he is resigned. Chris Bowman and Marcel Kapulica moved and seconded to sent a letter to Board President Tom Ammiano to declare the Mix seat vacant for more than one year. A new nomination and appointment by the Mayor is required to fill the vacancy.

G. Voting System Selection Process (ongoing): This item was discussed under the Director's report.

H. Grand Jury Report (ongoing)

I. Issues Surrounding the November Election: These were the questions of expediting vote counts by Supervisor Amos Brown and voter material language translation by Supervisor Mabel Teng. Nishioka said that the voting rights act does not require translation of names. U.S. Department of Justice sued Alameda County, which is under court order now to translate names. There is a question of "transliterating names" such as "Jose Medina" into "John Medina." Question for City Attorney Tom Owen is whether the department can act on its own to implement translation of names. Questions whether each candidate is responsible for translation, or to make it optional or mandatory with each candidate. DOJ feels its mandatory. Alameda County candidates can opt out of translation.

J. Update on Committee Becoming Commission: Aim is to have a draft by April 1999 meeting. Discussion is to have maybe an administrative and an appellate body. Issues of concern to the administrative body would be personnel, insulating the department from political pressure, accountability of the director, direct line of authority, process for concerns. Political pressure would be redirected to the commission. Current advisory body is either a rubber stamp or only advises the Director, who can opt to take or not take the advice. Model might be the Ethics Commission which has diverse appointing authorities (City Attorney, District Attorney) and has the power to select Executive Director. Its employees are civil service. The appellate body is the Ammiano resolution. TO discuss further, CACE needs to communicate with Ethics Commission or put on its agenda.

VI. New Business

A. Legislation Requiring Candidate Name Translation: This was discussed above.
B. Frontlines Article (March 10th item)/Chris Bowman
C. Voter Information Pamphlet (March 10th)/Kathy Grogan
D. Complaint by Sunshine Task Force member David Pilpel (March 10th)/Chris Bowman

VII. Announcements

VIII. Public Comment

A. Comments by Henry Evers
B. Naomi Nishioka said that 40,000 voters were purged. Dead voters were purged because they have been given on a regular basis. Secretary of State through the Calvoter program has eliminated duplicate voters. She wants to aggressively clean up. 15-20% deadwood voters in other counties.
C. Charlie Marsteller commented on dropping of voters after the 5th year according to the national registration act. Nishioka said that she could move voters to inactive status after eight years. She cannot cancel them. To reinstate, Department of Elections needs to see proof. "Failsafe voting" can reactivate voters if two pieces of identification with new address are provided. Then can vote provisionally.
D. Access to voter rolls is restricted except for scholastic or political consultant purposes. 200 registrants have specially treated. Registration requires home address.
E. Announcement of California Chinese American Republican Association dinner on March 3.

IX. Next Meeting: CACE scheduled to meet on March 10th.

X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Submitted by,

Samson Wong, Interim Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 1999 MEETING OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

The May 5, 1999 meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Elections was called to order at 5:40. Six members were present, including: Chris Bowman, Ed Canapary, Susan Horsfall, Joan Lewis, Anne Politeo, and Albert Reen. In addition, Paul Manfuso represented the Department of Elections (DOE), Tom Owen represented the City Attorney's Office, and Charles Marsteller and Henry Evers attended as members of the public. Chair, Kathy Grogan, and David Pilpel, a member of the public, arrived later.

Susan Horsfall was chosen temporary Chair, and Chris Bowman was chosen as temporary Secretary.

As Samsom Wong (who had taken the minutes from the previous meeting and such minutes had not been distributed to the members) was not present, it was agreed to defer review and approval of the minutes until the June meeting.

The Chair's report was deferred, given Kathy Grogan's absence.

Acting Director's Report. Paul Manfuso gave the Acting Director's report.

Manfuso discussed the on-going negotiations between the DOE and ES&S to initiate a new voting system for the City and County of San Francisco for the November, 1999 election. It is the Department's hope to have a contract in place with ES&S by July lst.

He reported that regarding the March 2000 Presidential Primary, that SB 100 passed the California Legislature and was signed into law by Governor Gray Davis. The bill requires that each County report to the Secretary of State the number of votes each candidate for President received from all voters and separately the number of votes each candidate for President received from voters affiliated with their political candidate. The new law requires that election officials set up procedures for tabulating ballots separately – voters will not have to vote twice for Presidential delegates. Manfuso added that the DOE was already able to do this because in previous elections the DOE had encoded party affiliation on each ballot.

Manfuso distributed a list of initiative petitions that are being circulated as well as a list of people who have taken out Declarations of Intent for Mayor, District Attorney, and for Sheriff. As of May 5th, there were eight initiative petitions being circulated – none of which had yet qualified.

Two Charter Amendments (98-13A and 99-4) dealt with Muni. The first, authored by Mayoral candidate Jim Reid, calls for an elected Transit Board to oversee Muni. The second, authored by Andrew Sullivan of Rescue Muni, Jim Lazarus of SPUR,

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and Beryl Magilavy, would consolidate the Transportation and Parking and Traffic Commissions, set standards of service, and revise work rules.

Two Declarations of Policy (99-1 and 99-2), authored by Lucretia Bermudez – candidate for Mayor and Carlos Petroni would call upon the City to move forward on allowing non-citizens the ability to vote in local elections and to provide reparations for the residents of Bayview Hunters Point, respectively.

Another Ordinance (99-3), authored by Todd Whitehurst, would regulate the working hours and conditions for Interns, Residents, and Medical Students at SF General Hospital and other health facilities of the City.

Philip Babcock of the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club authored an Ordinance (99-5) to eliminate duplicate ATM fees.

Richard Knee and others authored an Ordinance (99-6) to strengthen the City's Sunshine Ordinance to provide greater access of the public to City meetings and records.

Finally, Michael Petrelis, ACT-UP San Francisco, and CUSP are circulating an Initiative (99-7) to reopen the Gay bathhouses.

David Pilpel pointed out that the list did not reflect that the Initiative calling for a downtown depot for CALTRAIN (which was circulated last year) had already qualified for the November ballot.

The Chair's Report.

Kathy Grogan reported that she had hoped to meet with the Ethics Commission and with President of the Board of Supervisors, Tom Ammiano's Office in April, but was unable due to time constraints regarding the proposal to transform the CACE into a charter commission and address other issues of mutual concern, but that she would attempt to do so in May.

She added that one member of the CACE (Ollie Bryant) had not attended any of CACE's meetings since being appointed. He was nominated by the Board of Supervisors and appointed by the Mayor, but it is unclear whether or not he had been sworn in. The Chair would look into the matter.

Old Business.

Discussion of the Comstock v. Nishioka law suit and the "Repeal of Stadium Bond and Land Use Approvals" (Initiative 98-5). It was agreed to strike these items from future agendas unless there were new developments.

Regarding Expiration of Terms, the Bryant matter had already been mentioned in the Chair's Report, and further discussion would be deferred until the June meeting.

On the Voting System Selection Process, Paul Manfuso had outlined the matter in his report. Susan Horsfall asked it anyone had observed the special election in Piedmont where touch screen voting took place. Apparently none of the members had observed the election, but Paul Manfuso stated that one should not make comparisons between the special election, in which there were only six precincts and one issue, versus San Francisco's where there are over 600 precincts and long ballots. Horsfall added that voters were favorably inclined toward touch screens because that is the system many have on their home computers. Manfuso replied that there were fraud and security matters to be addressed for that system, and that the system would provide better access for affluent people, and less access for voters who don't work with computers.

Regarding the Grand Jury Report and its recommendations, it was the consensus of committee members that all of the recommendations have been addressed.

As to the update of the Committee becoming a Commission, it was asked by the Chair to move the item to the June meeting as she would have more to report. Ed Canapary asked if the City Attorney's office had looked into the issue of Conflicts of Interest of doing business with the City (which are permissible if one were a member of an advisory committee, but is prohibited by the Charter if one were a member of a commission). Tom Owens responded that there were "no exemptions" in the latter case.

Regarding the legislation requiring candidate name translation, it was suggested to carry the item over until June as the Director was the person most knowledgable about the subject, and she wasn't currently present to discuss the matter.

Concerning the proposed language as drafted by the City Attorney's Office to amend the Elections Code governing proponent and opponent arguments in the Voters Information Pamphlet as to the priority given to the submitters of arguments and limiting each submitter to one argument per ballot measure, Chris Bowman moved adoption and it was seconded, and limited discussion ensued. Charlie Marsteller stated that he had presented the proposed language to his colleagues and that he received no feedback. It was explained that this was only the first step.

The second step is that Naomi Nishioka needs to submit the proposal to the Board of Supervisors, which would then hold hearings and hopefully deliberate on the matter prior to the August period for submitting arguments for the November election.

The motion to approve passed with six votes in favor and one vote against.

Chris Bowman reported on the hearing before the Ethics Commission on revising downward the spending limits for the Board of Supervisors, now that we are moving to District Elections.

He indicated that most of those testifying favored a spending limit of between $50,000 and $100,000, with the total being divided roughly 70% to 30% or 60% to 40% between the general election and the run-off election. He added that Esther Marks had given a detailed presentation on how much a grass-roots campaign for District Supervisor would cost – which would be about $50,000. Chris Bowman, as a former member of the Elections Task Force has testified, that based on cost per votes received by Amos Brown, City-wide of about $3.50 per vote, the limits when translated to districts should be about $42,000 in the general and $28,000 in the run-off elections. David Looman, a Political Consultant, favored a figure closer to $100,000 as did Political Scientist Rich DeLeon. Jim Sutton, a legal expert on Elections Law, argued that the lower limits were probably unconstitutional, based on case law, and that an exemption should be given for compliance expenses (e.g., preparing FPPC reports, etc.)

Charlie Marsteller added there was testimony by Green Party representatives in favor of Instant Run-offs (using preference voting in the General Election), and that its utilization would vitiate the need and costs of conducting run-off elections. The Commission seemed to be interested in the concept. He added that it appeared that Commissioner Paul Melbostat favored limiting expenditures at the lower end, but given the division of opinion on the Commission that a consensus may not be forthcoming and therefore, no proposal may appear on the ballot as a result of the Ethics Commissions actions.

As a result, the Green Party, San Francisco Tomorrow, Common Cause, and the League of Women Voters have worked through the Center for Governmental Studies to draft language for an initiative drive to address the issue of spending limits and other campaign reforms. Whether they would go forward with the initiative would depend on what the Ethics Commission did the following Monday.

New Business.

District Elections. Kathy Grogan expressed that there was unhappiness from some members of the public with the specific boundaries of the eleven Supervisorial Districts, particularly, the Lake Street salient between. Districts I and II.

Susan Horsfall (who served on the Elections Task Force during its second phase – when they approved lines drawn by Professor Rich DeLeon and his team) stated that there was poor attendance at neighborhood meeting, so the Task Force did the best job that it could.

Chris Bowman (who served on the Elections Task Force for its duration) added that based on the input that the Task Force received that the Inner Sunset was added to District V instead of District VIII and that the boundaries of Districts V, VI, and X were significantly modified to reflect the concerns of the Western Addition and Potrero Hill activists. He added that there would be an opportunity to redraw the lines after the Year 2000 census provided that the Director of Elections found that the districts were out of balance (more than 5%) or that there had been major demographic shifts which meant that districts no longer optimized the voting power of minorities.

Susan Horsfall asked that the issue of District Elections be added to the June agenda.

Upcoming November 1999 Election. Paul Manfuso again discussed briefly the implementation of the new voter system for the November election.

Announcements.

Chris Bowman announced that the Ethics Commission would meet on May 10th, at 5:00 p.m. at Room 408 of City Hall to come up with legislation on spending limits.

Public Comments.

David Pilpel stated that Supervisor Ammiano has submitted amendments to the Elections and Administrative Codes regarding the use of underlining & (()) in outlining how a current document will be amended (when it appears in the Voters Information Pamphlet). The proposal would be permissive in allowing the DOE to use whatever system it felt was best.

Pilpel also asked if his request that registrations by district by party be made available. It was pointed out by Chris Bowman that that has already been done for the past month or so, and he asked Paul Manfuso to provide Pilpel with the latest copy of the report.

There was some discussion about the activities of the Voters Integrity Project. Chris Bowman proposed that the Project would be invited to spcak at the June meeting and that the matter would be agendized for June. Charlie Marsteller also asked that the DOE report whether there had been any communicationss between the Voters Integrity Project and the DOE at the June meeting. It was noted that Deborah Phillips was the VIP contact.

Scheduling of Next Meeting. The meeting was set for June 9th, at the same time and place.

Adjournmcnt. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, June 3, 1999

Christopher L. Bowman
Acting Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 1999 MEETING OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. The following members were present: Chris Bowman, Ed Canapary, Chair Kathy Grogan, Susan Horsfall, Joan Lewis, Anne Politeo, Samson Wong, Tom Owen of the City Attorney's Office, Acting Elections Director Naomi Nishioka. The following members of the public were present: Henry Evers, David Pilpel, Lloyd Schloegel.

II. Review and Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 16, 1999 meeting were reviewed, modified to correct the spelling of Henry Evers' name, and accepted.

III. Report of the Chair

Grogan proposed that committee members receive Department of Elections press releases. These will be E-Mailed or Faxed to members.

IV. Acting Director of Election's Report

Two managers have left the Department the last month. Art Pose, Administrative Analyst who handled payroll, accounting and personnel matters, left to work for the War Memorial. Paul Manfusco, Publications and Media Manager, left to work on an election in Kiev. The Department is recruiting for Manfusco's position and other temporary positions.

Nishioka distributed the following: most recent update of people who have taken out nomination papers, list of ballot measures, and voter registration statistics. She stated that old registration lists will be purged and newly registered voters will be added.

Nishioka also discussed plans for election day and possible run-off election in December.

V. Old Business

A. Grand Jury Report – It was suggested that this item be deleted.

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B. Update on Committee Becoming Commission -- Grogan, Bowman and Wong need to get back to this in September

C. Legislation Requiring Candidate Name Translation – San Francisco is already transliterating Chinese names on ballot, ballot propositions

D. Prioritization & Selection of Proponent-Opponent Arguments in the Voters Information Pamphlet -- Bowman's proposed legislation was presented to Tom Amniano, who liked the idea of banning multiple arguments by same organizations. Discussion ensued as to whether committee could place proposed legislation on ballot if Board of Supervisors does not.

E. Campaign Spending Limits – The Ethics Committee has placed its proposal on the ballot.

F. Voter Information Pamphlet – Nishioka is working with post office to make sure that the voter pamphlets are delivered city-wide on the same day.

It was suggested that CACE members receive advance copies of the pamphlets.

Public member Pilpel suggested that the propositions be posted on our Website

G. District Elections – There is still a dispute regarding the drawing of district lines

H. Upcoming November 1999 Election -- Horsfall requested she receive a report of newly registered voters.

If a run-off is necessary, new absentee ballots will be sent. The probable candidates in the run-off will be anticipated in advance of actual printing date. The run-off will take place on December 14, 1999.

On Election Day, there will be four regional drop-off stations including the police stations at Northern and Mission Districts

VI. New Business

A. Voter Integrity Project –There was a discussion as to whether to invite the Virginia-based Voter Integrity Project to monitor the election. Pro:

If they are coming anyway, shouldn't we know more about them? Con: It would probably be better not to interfere with them.

B. Legislation Regarding Same Day Voter Registration – There will be no news on Hertzberg Bill until legislature reconvenes.

VI Announcements

The Ballot Simplification Committee will be meeting Thursday, August 5 in Room 408.

Chris Bowman recommended that Paul Manfusco be recognized for his dedicated service to the Department of Elections. The members unanimously agreed.

VII Scheduling of Next Meeting

The meeting will take place on September 1, 1999.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Joan Lewis

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 MEETING OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 5:45PM by acting Chair Samson Wong. Members present were: Chris Bowman, Ed Canapary, Marcel Kapulica, Albert Reen, Anne Politeo, Chair, Kathy Grogan, Naomi Nishioka, DOE, Tom Owens, City Attorney's Office. Public members present included: Doug Comstock, David Pilpel, John Dunbar, Henry Evers.

I. Review and Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes were reviewed, modified to correct the spelling of Paul Manfuso's, and Supervisor Ammiano's name, and accepted. A question was raised as to whether or not a member who was not present at the previous meeting could vote to accept the minutes. The question is a parlimentary one, not legal, and will be discussed at a future meeting.

II. Report of the Chair

Deferred given Kathy Grogan's absence.

III. Acting Director of Elections' Report

The official list of candidates for the November election was distributed along with the list of Initiative Petitions. Numbers 99-1 and 99-2 have missed the deadline.

The department is recruiting for the Division Manager position, and has interviewed candidates for the position of Bilingual Coordinator.

Steve Nelson has resigned, Nishioka now reports to several different individuals who have taken over the responsibilities of the Director of Administrative Services.

Tom Owens announced that Comstock v. Nishioka lost in the California State Court of Appeals, and no further action is possible. The other law suit,"Repeal of Stadium Bond and Land Use Approvals" will be argued before the Court of Appeals on Friday, September 3, 1999.

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III. Acting Director of Elections' Report

In response to question regarding poll workers, Nishioska reported that with 638 polling places they needed four people for each polling place or approximately 2,500 people, with 200 standbys. They also need to recruit more than 200 bilingual poll workers for precincts that requested materials in another language, predominately Chinese. Nishisoka will obtain the number of ballots requested in either Chinese or Spanish. City workers are used at polling places and have been for a number of years. Chris Bowman requested that persons who have been convited of a fclony not be allowed to officiate at polling places.

IV. Old Business

A. Update on Committee becoming a Commission: Kathy Grogan announced that this issue will be addressed this month.

B. Legislation requiring candidate name translation was introduced by Supervisor Yaki and has passed committee. Nishioka will check to see if it has been passed by the Board of Supervisors.

C. Prioritization & Selection of Proponent/Opponent Arguments in the Voter Information Pamphlet will be handled under New Business: 5.B.

D. Campaign Spending Limits: On ballot as Prop.K. Delete from agenda.

E. Voter Information Pamphlet: Committee will get a preview.

F. District Elections: District lines will be redrawn after 2000 census.

G. Upcoming November 1999 election: Early voting will only be held at City Hall.

IV. Old Business

H. Voter Integrity Project: Doug Comstock from VIP stated that they will do poll watch in SF for the November election. They are advertising in local papers for poll watchers, who will be volunteers. VIP is concerned about election practices, including absentee ballots. They have not yet decided which precincts they will cover, and will move people around to various sites. Comstock noted that they watch for, 1) buses in the neighborhood, 2) people who go from poll to poll checking the list for people who have not voted. Voter Integrity Project was invited to send their people to the Dept. of Elections poll workers training, and VIP will invite interested persons to their training. VIP will report any legal problems after, not during the election. Kathy Grogan requested that someone from VIP attend meetings. VIP will be kept as an agenda item.

I. Legislation regarding Same Day Voter Registration No action on this item until legislature re-convenes. Place under New Business. Remove items B.,D., and F.

V. New Business

A. Assembly Bill 228 Election Ballots and Voter Pamphlets introduced by Assembly Member Migden has been expanded to include friends and co-workers who do not live in the household.The original language allowed, members of one's household, roomate, or domestic partner, in addition to family members to deliver a ballot.

AB 1426 introduced by Assembly Member Shelley allows anyone to be designated to deliver an absentee ballot. Both measures are now in the

V. New Business

Senate and will be voted on within the next ten and will be voted on within the next ten days. Bowman proposed three motions as follows: **Motion 1:Committee go on record as opposed to AB 1426 the Shelley Bill as currently written. Adopted 4 to 3. Motion 2: Committee urges that Migden Bill AB 228 return to the bill's original language. Adopted 4 to 3. Motion 3: Recommend to the State Legislative Committee that one person may carry a maximum of two absentee ballots in an election cycle. Not adopted.**

Chris Bowman will draft a letter with the committee's recommendations and it will be sent to the State Legislative Committee and to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.. Put item on the Agenda under Old Business.

B. Assignment of Priority of Arguments in the Voter Information Pamphlet. This legislation which grants public office holders from San Francisco other than the Mayor and Supervisors the right to submit arguments at a higher priority than members of the general public, and that restricts each organization or individual to one argument per measure so that the lottery is not skewed did not go forward from Supervisor Ammiano's office. Ammiano is concerned that federal legislators should not have the same priority as local officials.
Chris Bowman suggested the following motion: **Motion: The committee urges Supervisor Ammiano to start the process for public hearings within the next month on CACE's proposal to amend the Election Code to change the priority used in selecting proponents of ballot measures. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5 to 1.**

V. New Business

Discuss next month the recommendation that everyone submit a $500 dollar deposit for an argument. The City Attorney, Tom Owens will provide copies of the legislation governing the assignment of arguments.

VI. Announcements

Statues of the number of members will be discussed next month.

VII. Public Comments

Public comments were made during the course of the meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting

October 6, 1999.

IX. Adjourned meeting at 7:00 PM.

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